

University Athletic Association

FENCING CODE OF CONDUCT

Statement on Sportsmanship

Each University Athletic Association member institution shall ensure that:

- **The conduct before, during, and after competition of all those representing participating institutions exemplifies the highest traditions of intercollegiate athletics.**
- **Competition is conducted in a non-discriminatory manner that encourages enthusiastic support within the confines of good sportsmanship and fosters a positive attitude among spectators and participants in support of their teams.**
- **Coaches and student-athletes are encouraged to abide by the letter and spirit of the playing rules and to be gracious in both victory and defeat.**

SECTION 1. Administrative Authority

Administrative authority shall be the Fencing Sport Committee chaired by the primary athletic administrator of the host institution. In the event the primary athletic administrator is unable to serve as chair of the committee, one of the other UAA Delegates from the host institution shall serve as chair.

Appointment of Representatives The primary athletic administrator of each institution shall appoint individuals as appropriate to represent the interests of that institution at meetings of the sport committee. In the case of men's and women's sport committees that meet jointly, an institution may choose to appoint one individual to represent the interests of both its men's and women's programs. If an institution sends a single representative to a joint sport committee meeting, it shall be assumed that the individual representing the institution is authorized to cast votes on behalf of both the institution's men's and women's programs.

Replacement of Committee Chair In the event the institution designated to chair a sport committee chooses to designate its primary athletic administrator as its representative to that sport committee, another representative from that institution, who must be a member of the Delegates Committee, shall chair the sport committee in place of the primary athletic administrator.

Voting Lines The disposition of all issues considered jointly by sport committees meeting together shall be by joint vote of the committees. Results of all joint votes shall be reported by

listing the voting tallies of the respective men's and women's committees as well as the voting tally of the joint committee.

Proxy Voting There shall be no proxy voting. In the event a representative from an institution leaves a meeting of the sport committee prior to its conclusion, the vote of that individual shall not be transferred to another individual from that institution nor to any individual from another institution.

SECTION 2. Determination of Association Champion

Since fewer than seven teams will participate in the UAA Championships, the tournament shall be run as a standard dual meet between the schools. Each men's and women's team champion will be determined by an aggregate of total team victories.

The individual champion shall be determined in a separate tournament on the second day composed of all participants.

All ties shall be resolved according to international rules.

SECTION 3. Bout Management

Refer to Site Policies and Procedures and applicable sections of Policies Regarding Sportsmanship and Event Management.

Health & Safety Emergency Policy – Each institution shall clearly designate the person or persons who shall have the ultimate authority and responsibility to stop or resume play in the event of lightning or other health and safety emergencies, and shall communicate this information to the competition officials and coaches prior to the contest. The game management responsibilities of the designated individual or individuals should be such that they are able to monitor such circumstances without distraction.

SECTION 4. Conduct of Sport

4.1 Site

The site of the men's and women's Championship shall rotate among member institutions. Institutions may pass their opportunity to host the meet but must give notice two years in advance. Site selection shall be confirmed by the Athletic Administrators' Committee according to NCAA championship regulations.

4.2 Format

Order of Events:

Morning — All team events, to completion. The team format will be by round until the size of the tournament forces a change. Men's and women's teams shall contest three bouts of Sabre followed by three simultaneously-conducted bouts of Foil and Epée, repeated three times.

Afternoon — All rounds of individual competition to completion. A standard tournament format shall be adapted depending on the size of the field. The exact format shall be proposed by the host institution and approved by a majority of the Sport Committee prior to the championship. The top twelve individuals shall advance to the semi-finals in each weapon based on combined pool play, if any. The top six individuals based on semi-final, combined pool play in each weapon shall advance to the finals.

Reporting and starting times will be announced on the UAA Championship Information Sheet, which is sent to all participating schools by the host institution.

Composition of Teams:

The final entry order may contain up to three substitutes each for the men's and women's single-weapon teams. It is not required to designate which weapon a particular substitute will fence.

Qualification for Individual Championship:

All fencers including substitutes shall qualify for the individual tournament. In the first round, every effort should be made to separate individuals from the same team at the discretion of the bout committee.

The result of the individual finals shall have no bearing on team championships.

Format of Team Competition:

Prior to the Championships, numbers (1-3 for men and 1-3 for women) will be assigned to the respective schools at random, and a rotation of matches will be established using the USFA standard order of bouts.

Each match between two men's and two women's teams shall consist of all three weapons beginning with Sabre and then, simultaneously, Foil and Epée on two adjacent strips. Thus, all 27 men's bouts and 27 women's bouts between two schools will take place in one meeting.

4.3 Squad Size

Men's and women's teams may include nine competitors and three substitutes each.

The size and composition of a member institution's travel party shall be determined by that respective institution.

4.4 Officials

The Bout Committee shall be appointed by the host institution.

A jury of three officials for each meeting shall be assigned in advance of the tournament. Each jury shall have one sabre director, one foil director, and one epee director. The Bout Committee shall designate which official shall direct each weapon.

4.5 Rules

NCAA rules (which incorporate the USFA Rules of Competition) will be used, except as may be specifically stated to the contrary in advance of the tournament.

Substitutions:

- 1) A team which starts in one weapon team event must complete that team round-robin with the original fencers or substitute designated on the final entry.
- 2) Each team is authorized one substitute in each weapon, but no contestant may compete in more than one weapon or in more than one pool in the same weapon, unless he is substituted with the extraordinary approval of the Bout committee as provided below.
- 3) A fencer who has been replaced by a substitute may return to competition in the same weapon in the same pool. Any further substitution due to bona fide disabling injury or disabling illness may happen only if authorized by the Bout Committee.
- 4) In the event of a bona fide disabling injury or disabling illness, the Bout Committee may authorize a fencer who has already substituted in one pool to substitute in a different pool. However, a starter may not fence in a pool other than his original pool under any circumstance.
- 5) In the event of a bona fide disabling injury or disabling illness such that a fencer is unable to continue, and if a substitute is not available then the Bout Committee may authorize another member of that institution's team in a different weapon to double up. If this is not possible, the disabled fencer's record will be erased as though he had not fenced. All his bouts will be forfeited by a score of 5-0. The remaining members of his team may continue to fence, as they began under the rules.
- 6) Any fencer deemed "disabled", who is removed from the competition leading to the application of 4) or 5), above, may not return to the competition, in that event or in that same day.
- 7) After a team's final entry for a particular weapon team event has been submitted to the Official Scorer but before fencing competition has begun, if that team's number one or number two fencer becomes disabled and can not compete, and if a substitute is available, the coach of that team may submit a revised lineup to the Official Scorer.

Resolving of Ties:

Ties will be resolved according to USFA rules including the following.

- 1) In the event of a tie in victories between two or more teams for first place, placing will be determined by bout victories. If the tie remains, the championship will be determined by head to head competition.
- 2) Ties for team places other than first are resolved by indicators. The teams will share the particular place when a tie on indicators occurs.
- 3) Indicators will be used to resolve ties in victories for qualifications of individuals to the finals and for individual places in finals, except for ties for an individual first place.
- 4) Complete ties on indicators for individual places other than first place will be decided by 5 touch barrage bouts(s).
- 5) Ties in victories for individual first places will be decided by 5 touch barrage bout(s).

Coaching:

1) Timeouts for coaching are permitted per NCAA and USFA rules.

4.6 Rules Interpretation Committee

To include the host institution's primary athletic administrator or his/her representative and the sports committee.

4.7 Equipment

Twelve strips should be available for the conduct of the championship. Strips must be grounded metallic strips of regulation size and markings.

The host institution will provide a competent and experienced technician to oversee the proper functioning of the strips and electrical scoring apparatus. It is not the responsibility or function of the tournament technician to repair or maintain fencers' personal equipment. Current USFA standards for equipment control will be followed.

Weapons, body cords, masks, and foil metallic jackets shall be checked from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the evening prior to the start of competition. Defective masks will be marked and impounded and returned to the coach or manager after the competition. Defective metallic jackets will be clearly marked. FIE/USFA/NCAA Act. 21 will apply.

4.8 Seeding

Does not apply.

4.9 Facilities

Refer to Section 4.7.

4.10 Miscellaneous Administration

SECTION 5. Conduct of Sport

5.1 Uniforms

As per NCAA championship guidelines and regulations.

5.2 Scheduling

The date of the championships shall be the Saturday following Presidents' Day.

It is recommended that the host institution invite up to three local institutions sponsoring the sport of fencing to compete in round robin fencing with the UAA institutions on the Sunday morning immediately following the championship.

5.3 Scouting

There shall be no scouting.

5.4 Statistics

Refer to Site Policies and Procedures.

5.5 Organizational Meetings

The Fencing Sport Committee will meet once a year to consider agenda items and/or new business which will affect the welfare of UAA, fencing, the tournament, intercollegiate fencing, and other pertinent matters of common concern. The meeting will be held on the championship weekend.

SECTION 6. Awards

6.1 Team Champion

Trophy to the institutional Team Champions and certificates to team members.

Members of the Saber, Foil, and Epee Team Champions will receive certificates.

6.2 All-Association Team

The top three finishers in each weapon will comprise the All Association Team.

6.3 Individual Champions

The winner of each individual weapon competition shall be declared an Association Champion and be recognized in the same manner as champions or most valuable players in other sports.

6.4 Rookie of the Year

The Rookie of the Year shall be selected by ballot of the coaches. Only traditional, first-year student-athletes shall be eligible. Each coach shall submit the names of three players listed in rank order. Coaches may vote for members of their own teams in the balloting for the Rookie of the Year. The player with the highest total points from the rank order ballots shall be declared the Rookie of the Year and shall receive a certificate in recognition of selection.

6.5 Coaching Staff of the Year

The Coaching Staff of the Year shall be selected by ballot of the head coaches.

SECTION 7. Miscellaneous

7.1 Compliance with Deadlines

Coaches and other responsible individuals shall comply with all deadlines for the exchange or submission of materials and information as specified in the Code of Conduct. In the event of a missed deadline, the designated recipient shall notify the Association Office immediately. The Executive Secretary shall then notify the primary athletic administrator of the institutions involved, and that primary athletic administrator shall take action to ensure compliance with the specifications of the deadline.