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Introduction

During the 2008-09 academic year, the Association will sponsor 88 national championships, of which 41 are for men, 44 are for women, and three are for both men and women. Among the men's championships, three are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 12 are Division II championships and 13 are Division III championships. Among the women's championships, four are National Collegiate Championships, 13 are Division I championships, 13 are Division II championships and 14 are Division III championships. The combined men's and women's championships are National Collegiate Championships.

A championships handbook is produced for each NCAA championship and posted on the NCAA Online Web site (www.ncaa.org).

How to Use This Publication. The handbook is divided into three sections: (1) General Administration; (2) Determination of Participants; and (3) Instructions to Participants. Each topic included in the handbook is referenced to other applicable areas in the handbook or in the NCAA Manuals, where appropriate. For example, if you wish to know about regional advisory committees, the basic information for that particular sport would be included in an appendix. However, as referenced under the heading "Regional Advisory Committees," more information concerning general NCAA policy governing regional advisory committees can be found later in the handbook and in the NCAA Manuals.



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Men's and Women's Fencing Championships

Important Dates

Friday, December 5—Deadline for submission of rosters through the online system. A \$500 fine will be issued to institutions failing to submit their complete rosters (names and power ratings) by this date. The online system will be reopened on December 11 for institutions to make necessary changes to their roster throughout the season.

Monday, February 23—Deadline for member institutions to submit individual results via the online score reporting system. The online system can be accessed on the NCAA Web site. Late score reporting will result in a fine of \$100 per team or \$50 per individual up to a maximum fine of \$300 per team per gender, and/or non participation in the championships as determined by the national committee.

Tuesday, February 24—Deadline for submission of written requests from athletics directors for waiver of minimum requirements for regional participation.

March 7 or 8—Regional competition (Northeast—March 8, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Midwest—March 7-8, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio; West—March 7, Stanford University, Stanford, California; Mid-Atlantic/South—March 7, Drew University, Madison, New Jersey.

Tuesday, March 10—Selections to the national championships announced and notification of participants.

Monday, March 16—Deadline to notify the NCAA liaison that a student-athlete that participated in regular season competition is ineligible or unavailable for NCAA championships competition.

Thursday-Sunday, March 19-22—National Collegiate Men's and Women's Fencing Championships; hosted by Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pennsylvania at Ashenfelter Multi-Sport Facility.

Date formula for determining championships date—The National Collegiate Men's and Women's Fencing Championships are held two weeks after regionals (Thursday to Sunday). Regionals are the weekend of the first full week in March.

General Administration

Dates and Sites

Championships Finals—March 19-22, 2009; Pennsylvania State University, host; State College, Pennsylvania

Future Dates and Sites

2010—Regionals, March 13 or 14; Championships Finals, March 25-28

2011—Regionals, March 12 or 13; Championships Finals, March 24-27

Institutions that are interested in serving as host for the 2010 and/or 2011 championships should contact the fencing liaison at the NCAA national office.

Sports Committees

[Reference: Administration in the Division I General Championship Information Handbook and Bylaws 31.1.1 and 31.1.2 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

The National Collegiate Men's and Women's Fencing Championships are under the control, direction and supervision of the NCAA Men's and Women's Fencing Committee. The Men's and Women's Fencing Committee is the operations committee for the championships. It is responsible for the conduct of the championships during actual competition and is in full control of the floor. It is authorized to take any measures necessary to ensure good order. Current members of the committee are:

Janusz Bednarski, University of Notre Dame
Zoltan Dudas, Princeton University, chair
Wendell Jack, California Institute of Technology
George Kolombatovich, Columbia University
Jerzy Radz, Wayne State University (Michigan)
Josh Runyan, University of California, San Diego
Ron Miller, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Barb Bolich, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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Regional Advisory Committees

[Reference: Regional Advisory Committees in the Division I General Championship Information Handbook and Bylaws 21.4.1.5, 21.6.1.6 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

Sports committees shall appoint an advisory committee in each of their respective regions to help evaluate teams and/or individuals throughout the season. Members of the 2008-09 regional advisory committees are:

Northeast

George Kolombatorich, Columbia University
Barb Bolich, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Jason Sachs, Tufts University
Steve Mormando, New York University

Midwest

Janusz Bednarski, University of Notre Dame
Jerzy Radz, Wayne State University (Michigan)
Todd Dressell, University of Detroit Mercy
Laurence Schiller, Northwestern University
Terrence Lasker, Ohio State University

Mid-Atlantic/South

Zoltan Dudas, Princeton University
Ron Miller, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Nikki Franke, Temple University
Jim Murray, Johns Hopkins University

West

Wendell Jack, California Institute of Technology
Josh Runyan, University of California, San Diego
Abdel Salem, U.S. Air Force Academy
Heidi Runyan, University of California, San Diego

Annual Forms

Expense Reimbursement Forms. Expense reimbursement forms with instructions are available on the NCAA Web site in the championships administration section (www.ncaa.org/champadmin). Completed forms must be received at the NCAA national office within 30 days of the final day of competition.

[Reference: Transportation and Per Diem in the Division I General Championship Information Handbook and Bylaw 31.4.6 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

Financial Report Form. A financial report, which is now part of the proposed budget form, must be submitted to the NCAA not later than 60 days after the competition.

The financial report form is available on the NCAA Web site (www.ncaa.org/champadmin).

[Reference: Bylaw 31.4 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

Proposed Budget Form. Institutions interested in hosting future National Collegiate Men's and Women's Fencing Championships should review the online bid submission process on the NCAA Web site. The NCAA Men's and Women's Fencing Committee now is soliciting bids for the 2009 championships and thereafter.

[Reference: Budgets in the Division I General Championship Information Handbook.]

Online Bid and Financial Report Submission Process. The NCAA has implemented an online proposed budget and financial report process. We request that prospective hosts no longer complete hard copies of the proposed budget for this championship. The online version of the proposed budget and financial report form may be accessed on the NCAA Web site at http://www.ncaa.org/champadmin/champ_budget/. Please note that the online form is password protected. Your institution's athletics director should have the necessary membership database username and password on file. Written instructions on how to complete the automated forms are located at the site referenced above and on each sport specific Web site in the Documents and Forms section. If you have any questions regarding the new process, please contact the appropriate NCAA sport liaison.

Determination of Participants

Championships Structure

The National Collegiate Men's and Women's Fencing Championships include individual events in each of the six weapons (women's sabre, women's foil, women's épée, men's sabre, men's foil and men's épée).

Competition

Fencers compete in a round robin of 24 fencers in five-touch bouts. After the round-robin, the top four fencers in each event will fence direct elimination 15-touch bouts for first, second, third and fourth place.

Absolute ties for the seeding are broken as follows: for position numbers one through three, by a coin toss; and for position number four, by a fence-off.

For the purpose of conducting the round robin portion of the championships, fencers will be randomly separated into groupings of three subject to the following restrictions:

1. Whenever possible, teammates must be kept together in the same grouping. If there are more pairs of teammates than groupings, some teammates must be assigned to separate groupings, and the teammates to be separated shall be selected by lot.
2. In the event that there are siblings representing different schools, these siblings shall be assigned to the same grouping whenever possible, although keeping teammates together shall be the first priority.
3. Whenever possible, fencers competing without teammates in the same event shall be assigned to groupings with other fencers from their region.
4. All teammates must fence each other prior to fencing any other competitor in the event.
5. All siblings must fence each other after fencing their teammates and prior to fencing any other competitor in the event.

Regional Qualification

Member institutions will not be able to submit a petition for a fencer to compete in the NCAA fencing championships without competing in the regional competitions. All fencers must compete in the scheduled regional tournament to be considered for the national championships. Individual bouts against teams that field less than five fencers can count toward the minimum requirement of 21 bouts for both competing fencers. To be eligible to compete in the regional tournament, a fencer will be required to meet the following:

- a. Participate in a minimum of 50 percent of the institution's scheduled dual meets in the same weapon against varsity teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions. The maximum number of meets that will be counted toward the 50 percent will be 18. If an institution schedules more than 18, only 18 will be used; thus, a fencer will need to fence a minimum of nine dual meets to qualify;
- b. Compete in a minimum of 21 bouts against varsity teams of four-year, degree-granting institutions; and

- c. Achieve a 20 to 40 percent win-loss record in scheduled dual meets as determined by the region.

Regional Entry Procedure

All teams must submit the following information by the deadlines listed for each:

- a. Online preseason roster form with power rating due before the first dual meet and no later than December 5, 2008. A \$500 fine will be issued to institutions failing to submit their complete rosters by this date. The online system will be reopened on December 11 for institutions to make necessary changes to their roster throughout the season.
- b. Regional Entry Form sent to the respective regional host contact by February 23, 2009. More information will be sent by each regional host.

Only institutions that submit individual results online by February 23, 2009, will be considered for the championships. Late submission forms will result in a fine of \$100 per team or \$50 per individual up to a maximum fine of \$300 per team per gender, and/or non participation in the championships as determined by the national committee.

Regional Competition Format

Regional competition will be conducted either as round robin or direct elimination competition. Each region will have the ability to accept up to 12 entries per gender per institution, as determined by the region, based on the number of entries. Pools will be seeded using the fencer seeding factor (FSF). The minimum number of finalists must be equal to the number of regional allocations plus two. Whenever possible, two fencers from the same school shall not be in the same pool in the first round of pool play.

Member institutions must submit the required entry form by the required deadline to the tournament director and chair of their region. Member institutions will be fined or not permitted to compete in the regional tournament for submitting entries after the deadline. Petitions will not be accepted for student-athletes to miss the regional championships in order to attend World Cup competition. Petitions will only be accepted if an individual or institution does not meet the minimum requirements to enter into the regional tournament. A letter must be forwarded by the athletics director with supporting documentation to the national committee by the required deadline.

Championships Region Allocations

The NCAA Men's and Women's Fencing Committee will annually determine the number of positions to be allocated to each of the four regions. The formula for determining regional allocations is as follows: 132 of the 144 participants in the six events (22 per weapon) are selected using the formula described below, and the remaining 12 participants (two per weapon) are selected by the fencing committee on an at-large basis.

Sixty percent of the allocation is determined by the number of NCAA member institutions within a region that sponsor men's and women's fencing at the time of the previous year's NCAA championships. The remaining 40 percent is based on the performance of the top 16 finishers from each of the three previous championships using the following formula:

$((\text{Total number of fencers finishing in the top 16 for the last three years} / 48) \times 10) \times 0.4 = X$

$((\text{Number of teams in region} / \text{total number of teams}) \times 10) \times 0.6 = Y$

$(X + Y) \times 2.2 = \text{Regional Allocation}$

A region will have as a minimum the ordinal number derived in this formula.

If the total of the ordinal numbers for all four regions is less than 22, the region with the highest numbers after the decimal point will have an additional allocation. This method will be followed until the number 22 is reached.

The individual champion from each region will be automatically considered for allocation for recommendation to the championships. If an institution has more than two qualifiers, it will be an institutional decision as to who will be recommended.

The following allocations have been approved for the 2009 championships:

	Mid-Atlantic/				
	South	Midwest	Northeast	West	At-Large
Men's Épée	6	5	8	3	2
Men's Foil	6	4	9	3	2
Men's Sabre	7	5	8	2	2
Women's Épée	6	6	8	2	2
Women's Foil	7	5	9	1	2
Women's Sabre	5	5	10	2	2

NOTE: For the 2008-09 season, if a region goes below two, it will receive one of the at-large positions in that particular gender/weapon.

Championships Selections

[Reference: Bylaws 31.01.2, 31.01.3 and 31.3 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

Participants in the 2009 National Collegiate Men's and Women's Fencing Championship will be selected by the NCAA Men's and Women's Fencing Committee. Member institutions are required to submit all scores online no later than February 23, 2009. Late score reporting will result in a fine of \$100 per team or \$50 per individual up to a maximum fine of \$300 per team per gender, and/or non participation in the championships as determined by the national committee.

The two primary factors for determining selections into the championships are the FSF and the fencer's placement at NCAA regional competition. The FSF is calculated as follows:

- An opponent's power rating, which measures the strength of competitors based on past performances, will reflect U.S. Fencing Association rankings, Federation Internationale D'Escrime (FIE) rankings and placement in previous NCAA championships. See Appendix G for ranking categories.
- A fencer's winning percentage will be determined by the number of bouts won divided by the number of bouts attempted. All bouts fenced during the playing season will be considered.
- Season Strength Factor (SSF). Bouts fenced against opponents who comprise the first two-thirds of the most difficult bouts fenced will be examined.

- Individual Victories Strength Factor (ISF). The ISF will be based on the best 50 percent of all victory bouts, based on difficulty (higher opponent power rating). If the number of victories exceeds 32, only the top 16 victories will be taken into account. Victory bouts will be ranked against the highest power rating, and then the strength of the opponents against whom victories were gained will be calculated.

Selection Formula

Fencer's Seeding Factor = $(\text{Total Number of Bout Victories} / \text{Total Number of Bouts Fenced}) \times \text{Season Strength Factor} + (0.4 \times \text{Individual Victories Strength Factor})$

Please see Appendix H for further detail on the formulas for determining championships participants.

Finals Qualification

- A maximum of 144 fencers (24 participants in each event) will qualify to participate in the combined-scoring championships.
- The number of individuals selected from a region for an event will be based on the regional allocation formula.
- No more than two fencers in each weapon will be selected from one institution.
- If a qualified fencer is unable to compete, the institution must notify the NCAA liaison by Monday, March 16, and he/she will be replaced as follows:
 - If a fencer in the same event from the same university as the withdrawn fencer qualified to the final, but was the third eligible fencer from that school, then that fencer will replace the withdrawn fencer.
 - If there is no qualified teammate, then the highest-ranking eligible fencer will be selected from the list of alternates.
 - If the elimination of a qualifier drops his/her region below the regional allocation, the replacement fencer will be the highest-ranking fencer from that region.
- If a qualified fencer is unable to compete after the March 16 deadline, the individual will be replaced as determined by the national committee.
- The best combined statistic, among all the fencers entered per gender/weapon, that is comprised of the sum of the student-athlete's season record (i.e., the student-athlete's Fencer's Seeding Factor (FSF), valued at 40 percent of the sum) and the student-athlete's placement in the NCAA Regionals, relative to the number of entries in the field at the NCAA Regionals (valued at 60 percent of the sum).
 - Sixty percent is determined by allotting the first place finisher 60 points. Subsequent points are determined by dividing 60 by the number of participants to produce interval points between each subsequent place finish.
 - Forty percent is determined by the FSF. Forty points is given to the highest power ranking in the region. All other competitors are ranked by the following formula: $40 \times \text{FSF} / \text{Highest FSF In Region}$. In no case may any institution have more than two competitors per weapon.
- An absolute tie between two fencers will be decided by a fence off in a 15-touch bout.

At-Large Selections

After selecting the student-athletes with the best combined statistic in the NCAA Fencing Regionals as direct qualifiers to the championships competition, the next two student-athletes with the best combined statistic, as indicated above, will be nominated by the region as at-large candidates for selection to the championships. They will comprise the pool of eight for at-large nominations and two of them with the best regular season record as determined by the fencer's FSF shall be selected to compete

in the championships.

Countable Contests

A team may compete against another team more than twice in the same season. However, only two team results may be used for NCAA Championship selection. If two teams fence each other more than twice, the two coaches may agree on which two team results will be used for NCAA Championship selection; in the absence of an agreement, the two team results closest in time to the NCAA Championships will be the results used for NCAA Championships selection.

Certification of Eligibility/Availability

[Reference: Certification of Eligibility/Availability in the Division I General Championship Information Handbook and Bylaws 3.2.4, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 31.2.1.7 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

Only student-athletes eligible under Bylaws 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 may compete in NCAA championships. In accordance with Bylaw 3.2.4, member institutions are required to certify the eligibility of their student-athletes before each academic year and to withhold ineligible student-athletes from all intercollegiate competition. Member institutions are reminded to notify the NCAA national office before the selection date for each championship of any student-athlete who may have participated in regular-season competition but subsequently is determined to be ineligible or unavailable for NCAA championships competition. For the 2009 National Collegiate Men's and Women's Fencing Championships, the NCAA championships liaison must be notified not later than March 16, 2009.

Instructions to Participants

Adjusted Place Standings

[Reference: Bylaw 31.2.2.4-(a) in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

If a student-athlete is found to be ineligible, that individual's performance shall be stricken from the championships record, the points the student-athlete has contributed to the team's total shall be deleted, the team standings shall be adjusted accordingly and any awards involved shall be returned to the Association. Further, the placement of other competitors shall be altered and awards presented accordingly.

Athletic Training Facilities

The host institution will make medical and first-aid/training facilities available to the participating teams and individuals. Each day of competition, a certified athletics trainer is required to be present in the venue 90 minutes before fencing begins until one hour after the competition has concluded.

Awards

[Reference: Awards in the Division I General Championship Information Handbook and Bylaw 31.1.12 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

Official NCAA trophies will be presented to the top four combined teams in the championships. Individual awards will be presented to the top eight finishers in each of the six individual events. Participation medallions will be presented to all student-athletes competing in the championships that did not receive any other NCAA award. These awards will be sent to the institution's director of athletics after the competition.

Bout Committee

The head official shall serve as chair of the bout committee and he/she will assign two noninvolved referees. A member of the fencing committee shall observe but have no voting rights.

Credentials

For individual-team championships, the formula to determine the number of non student-athletes in the official travel party is;

- One to three individuals = One non student-athlete in official travel party
- Four to six individuals = Two non student-athletes in official travel party
- Seven to nine individuals = Three non student-athletes in official travel party
- 10 or more individuals = Five non student-athletes in official travel party

Only participants, coaches and authorized personnel identified with credentials shall be permitted in restricted areas. The coach's credential shall have printed on its front the name, position (head or assistant coach) and institution of the coach for whom the credential is issued. A coach's credential used by anyone other than the coach whose name appears on the credential shall be confiscated. The coach whose name appears

on the credential shall pay a \$50 fine (payable to the host institution) to reclaim the credential. Failure to pay the fine will result in the loss of that coach's floor privileges. Additional coaches credentials may only be purchased for individuals listed on the institution's NCAA Staff Reporting Form. All other non participants must purchase a ticket.

Drug Testing

[Reference: Drug Testing in the Division I General Championship Information Handbook and Bylaws 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

Student-athletes who compete in the 2009 National Collegiate Men's and Women's Fencing Championships may be subjected to drug tests in accordance with Bylaws 18.4.1.5 and 31.2.3 and may be determined to be ineligible as a result thereof. Only student-athletes who have consented in writing to such testing initially are eligible for the championships; and thereafter, student-athletes who are tested shall remain eligible only if they test negative.

Equipment and Apparel Check

The electric foil, sabre and épée shall be used, as meets United States Fencing Association standards and NCAA logo rules.

All equipment must be checked and approved by the armorer before competition. This inspection includes weapons, masks, all lamé components, body and mask cords, socks and uniforms. At the championships, armorers will check all equipment and uniforms for NCAA logo violations during the equipment and apparel check.

Language

All conversations between officials, competitors and coaches must be done in English on the competition floor.

Lodging

The host institution shall make lodging available for the competing teams and advise participants of the arrangements in premeet informational materials. Each competing institution is obligated to confirm or cancel the accommodations. An institution is not obligated to stay at the designated property; however, it is responsible for canceling its reservations and then securing its own accommodations.

Meetings

[Reference: Misconduct in the Division I General Championship Information Handbook and Bylaws 31.1.9 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

Mandatory coaches meetings will be conducted at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, for men's weapons and at 5 p.m. Friday, March 20, for women's weapons. An institution will be fined \$50 if its head coach does not attend or is late for one of the mandatory coaches meetings before that institution's participation in the championships. The meeting will include information on the provisions of Bylaw 31.1.10 (Division I), which prescribes conditions under which a student-athlete or representative of an institution may be disqualified from further participation in the championships for

reasons of misconduct.

Misconduct

Misconduct in an NCAA championship is any act of dishonesty, unsportsmanlike conduct, unprofessional behavior or breach of law occurring incident to, en route to, from or at the locale of the competition or practice that discredits the event or intercollegiate athletics. (Refer to the Division I General Championships Information for additional information).

Officials

The Men's and Women's Fencing Committee shall obtain a list of qualified officials from the USFA Fencing Officials Commission. The committee then will select a maximum of 24 officials for the championships (one head official, 20 referees, two armorers and one statistician).

Ranked USFA officials, preferably from the local area, will be obtained.

An official at the NCAA championships may not be:

- An employee of an institution with a varsity fencing team;
- A student at an institution with a varsity fencing team;
- An alumnus of an institution with a varsity fencing team who is within five years of attending that institution;
- A former coach of an institution with a varsity fencing team who is within five years of coaching at that institution; or
- An immediate family member of a coach or student-athlete of an institution with a varsity fencing team.

Officials are assigned by the head official throughout the championships. Officials shall receive a fee of \$100 per day. In addition, officials shall receive actual ground transportation expenses at a rate of 51 cents per mile round trip, not including local transportation. Air transportation will be provided if necessary. Flight arrangements must be made through the NCAA travel service, Short's Travel Management (866/655-9215).

Hotel expenses (excluding incidentals) for officials required to stay overnight at the championships site shall be paid by the host institution, which later shall be reimbursed by the NCAA. Officials shall receive a \$45 per diem for meals and incidentals for each day of the championships, beginning with the day of arrival and ending with the day of departure. Officials not required to remain overnight at the site also shall receive \$45 per diem.

Officials must be at the bout table 30 minutes before the time they are scheduled to work.

Officials should be dressed in a dark blazer, dark slacks or skirt, and white shirt and tie or white blouse while directing a match. All officials shall wear the NCAA official's patch that is provided at the site.

Participant Registration

Participants beginning competition on Thursday, March 19, must register between

3:30 and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18. Participants beginning competition on Saturday, March 21, must register between 1 and 4 p.m. on Friday, March 20. All participants must check-in prior to participation. The registration site will be determined by the host and included in the host participants manual. See pages 20 and 21 for a tentative schedule of events.

Practice Facilities

A practice schedule and practice facilities will be available for the participants before and throughout the championships.

Programs

[Reference: Advertising in the Division I General Championship Information Handbook.]

IMG College will be responsible for all program production including layout and design, advertising, printing, vending and distribution to the championship sites. No competing publications, whether sold or free of charge, are permitted at NCAA events without prior permission of the NCAA and IMG College. The championship host should not include expenses or revenues for programs in the championship budget and/or financial report. All program contents are subject to NCAA approval.

Advertising

Each program will include NCAA corporate champion and partner advertising. Additionally, programs may include non-competing national ads as well as local ads. All ads must follow NCAA advertising guidelines and are subject to NCAA approval. If your school would like to sell advertising into the official program or you know of an individual who would like to serve as a local advertising representative, please contact Doug Iler (502/459-4346; doug.iler@imgworld.com) for information regarding rates, availability and deadlines.

Editorial

If you are interested in the specific content of the program you will receive, please contact Marianne Stoess (859/226-4549; marianne.stoess@imgworld.com).

Generally, programs include the following:

1. Participant information - IMG College will request information, including rosters, schedule/results, photos, school quick facts and logos. If your team is eligible for postseason selection, please send all materials that are requested by the date requested. Programs print on the day selections for the championship are announced. If materials are not on file, your school's information will not be included. IMG will attempt to provide proofs for SID approval when time permits. If you are not sure what/when materials are needed, please contact Ms. Stoess at IMG.
2. Programs for predetermined sites will include information on the host institution, host city and/or host facility. In addition, some programs provide complimentary advertising space. IMG will contact via e-mail the tournament manager and sports information contacts, as listed on the key contact sheets submitted to the NCAA, with the specifics of what items are needed and when those items are due. Host institution pages are subject to NCAA approval.
3. Event-specific historical information, including past champions, records, all-tournament teams and/or the previous year's recap.

4. Information on the NCAA, including the sport committee.

5. Feature stories - Not all programs include event/sport-specific features. However, if you have an idea for a feature story, please submit it to Ms. Stoess at IMG.

Program Supplements and Update Sheets

Host institutions for single-day/session championship rounds may choose to supplement the program with additional information (e.g., updated statistics or updated game notes) pertaining to the event at its site that day. The cost of producing these supplements will be covered by the host institution and will not be expensed to the NCAA or IMG College, the content must be approved by IMG prior to the event and the supplements must be distributed inside and as a part of the program. The cost of the program cannot be raised as a result of the supplement. Once all programs have been sold, these supplements may be given away or sold at the discretion of the host institution, with all potential revenue for such remaining with the host institution. No advertising of any kind may be sold or placed on the supplements. If supplements are distributed, following the conclusion of the championship event please mail two samples of each supplement to Marianne Stoess (IMG College, 904 North Broadway, Lexington, KY 40505, ATTN: Marianne Stoess).

For championships that have multiple sessions, matches, events or days, host institutions may choose or be required by the NCAA to produce update sheets (e.g., pairings). IMG College will contact hosts of those championships in advance of their events to discuss projected quantities and the paper on which update sheets should be printed. The cost of producing the update sheets will be covered by the host institution and not be expensed to the NCAA or IMG. The first update sheet of the event should be distributed inside and as a part of the program. Subsequent update sheets complement the program and are to be redeemed only with a coupon from the program. The cost of the program cannot be raised as a result of the update sheet. Once all programs have been sold, update sheets may be given away or sold at the discretion of the host institution, with all potential revenue for such remaining with the host institution. No advertising of any kind may be sold or placed on the update sheets. If update sheets are distributed, following the conclusion of the championship event please mail two samples of each update sheet to Ms. Stoess (IMG College, 904 North Broadway, Lexington, KY 40505, ATTN: Marianne Stoess).

If a host institution would like to supplement the program with additional information, or has a question about the update sheets, please contact Matt Briggs at IMG College (859/226-4556; matthew.briggs@imgworld.com).

Program Sales

1. Predetermined sites: Will be contacted at least two weeks prior to the event. If you have not been contacted within two weeks of your championship, please contact Matt Briggs (859/226-4556; matthew.briggs@imgworld.com). You will receive your vending agreement (contract) and settlement statement prior to the championship.
2. Distribution of programs: Programs will be shipped to the host institution at least one day prior to the event when possible. If your shipping information is different than that on the contract please contact Mr. Briggs at IMG immediately.
3. Display of programs: Any posters/banners included with the programs should be hung in a visible location to promote awareness for the programs without obstructing other championship signage.

4. Collections

a. Contracts

- i. Upon site selections, all contracts are e-mailed to each site representative
- ii. A dedicated fax number will be assigned for receiving all signed contracts back to IMG (859/226-4575)
- iii. An IMG representative will track the return of all signed vending contracts to IMG

b. Settlement Reports

- i. Three days after the conclusion of the event, all settlement reports must be faxed to IMG (859/226-4575)
- ii. The vendor will have two weeks to submit payment to IMG College
- iii. An IMG College representative will be assigned to track the receipt of all vending settlement reports and payments
- iv. If payment and/or settlement have not been received within the two-week period, Host Communications will include the site/ championship on its "No Pay" list sent to the NCAA
- v. Do not combine settlement statements for separate rounds/events or combine program settlements with Event 1 merchandise
- vi. Please include the event number on the check that is sent

Please contact Matt Briggs (859/226-4556; matthew.briggs@imgworld.com) at IMG College with any vending-related questions.

Protests

Only the involved fencer or coach may register a protest (see USFA rule t 122). If a decision initially made by the Bout Committee is protested, the protest will be adjudicated by the NCAA Men's and Women's Fencing Committee. A protest that is initially addressed by an authorized official and then brought to the Bout Committee will not be brought to any higher authority if the Bout Committee upholds the official who made the initial ruling.

Any protest brought to the Men's and Women's Fencing Committee will require a \$100 deposit. The deposit will be returned if the protest is determined by the fencing committee not to be frivolous.

No protest as to participants at the championships may be made after noon of the day before the championships.

Results on NCAA.com

The host sports information director, media coordinator or designee is responsible for reporting official championships results to the Association's Web site, www.NCAA.com:

For preliminary competition, please specify the division, sport, region, date of competition, round, official results, photos and provide a brief summary.

Host institutions and sponsoring agencies should use the following method to report:

Send all information via electronic mail in the following manner:

1. E-mail the information to: ncaastaff@cstv.com;
2. Specify the division, sport and region in the SUBJECT area;
3. Paste the text (official results, including date of competition, round, etc.) directly into an e-mail or;
4. Send an e-mail as an attachment in a MS Word document or Windows Notepad text document; and
5. Convert photos to JPEG format and attach to an e-mail.

If you are delayed in reporting results by one of these methods, have problems sending the e-mail or if the e-mail is returned, please contact Greg Cimilvea (greg@sportsline.com; 954/351-2120, extension 4416).

Rules

[Reference: Bylaw 31.1.6 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

Per NCAA Bylaw 17.32, member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports for which the NCAA develops playing rules. For those sports in which the Association follows rules that are developed by other governing bodies and modified by the governing sports committee, the adopted playing rules shall be used. The governing sports committee will not consider any results for selection purposes that are not played in accordance with NCAA rules, or those rules adopted by an outside organization.

The current United States Fencing Association rules will be used for the championships. Questions regarding the interpretation of USFA rules can be found online at www.usfencing.org.

Timeouts. Noninjury timeouts are not permitted during the five-touch bouts. During the one-minute break between periods of the direct elimination bouts in the finals, one person may approach each fencer to give advice.

Schedule of Events (Tentative)

2009 NCAA Men's and Women's Fencing Championships Schedule—Twelve Strips

Wednesday, March 18

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| 2 p.m. | National committee meeting and site inspection |
| 3:30-7 p.m. | Armory opens; fencing room open for practice;
participant registration |
| 7 p.m. | Mandatory coaches meeting (Men's weapons) |

Thursday, March 19

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| 8-9 a.m. | Participant registration |
| 8 a.m. | Armory opens; training room opens; designated area open for practice until conclusion of the last round |
| 9:30 a.m. | Officials report to strips |
| 9:45 a.m. | National Anthem |
| 10 a.m. | Men's Épée, rounds 1-4
Men's Foil, rounds 1-4
Men's Sabre, rounds 1-4 |

Friday, March 20

8 a.m.	Armory opens; training room opens; designated area open for practice until conclusion of the last round
9:15 a.m.	National Anthem
9:30 a.m.	Men's Épée, rounds 5-7 Men's Foil, rounds 5-7 Men's Sabre, rounds 5-7
1-4 p.m.	Apparel and equipment check; participant registration
2 p.m.	Men's Gold Medal Bouts The three first-place bouts will be fenced on one strip. The men's individual awards presentation will take place immediately after the finals.
4-5 p.m.	Mandatory coaches meeting (Women's weapons) and fencing coaches forum
6:30 p.m.	Championships banquet

Saturday, March 21

8 a.m.	Armory opens; training room opens; designated area open for practice until conclusion of the last round; participant registration (until 9:30 a.m.)
9:45 a.m.	National Anthem
10 a.m.	Women's Épée, rounds 1-4 Women's Foil, rounds 1-4 Women's Sabre, rounds 1-4

Sunday, March 22

8 a.m.	Armory opens; training room opens
9:15 a.m.	National Anthem
9:30 a.m.	Women's Épée, rounds 5-7 Women's Foil, rounds 5-7 Women's Sabre, rounds 5-7
2 p.m.	Women's Gold Medal Bouts The three first-place bouts will be fenced on one strip. Women's individual awards and team awards presentation will take place immediately after the finals.

For an eight-strip schedule of events, see Appendix E. For a strip layout diagram, see Appendix G.

Scoring

An institution's final place in the final round of the championships will be based on points earned by each individual. Each team is awarded one point for each individual's five-touch bout victory fencing in the round robin of 24. Results from the top-four finals bouts and any barrage bouts do not count toward team standings. Team ties for

place will not be broken; results will stand as a tie.

Injury Replacement and Withdrawal Rule. If a fencer withdraws due to a verified injury, the results for each fencer and team who competed against him or her will be counted as valid and will be used for individual and team scoring. A fencer that withdraws may not return to the competition. If the withdrawn fencer does not have any wins, the results of the injured fencer will be eliminated from his or her respective team results. If a fencer does not complete a scheduled bout already in progress, of which the injured fencer is leading, the bout will be considered as not having been fenced. In all other cases, that bout will be considered as having been won by the opponent and the touches shall be retained.

Team results of opponents of a withdrawn fencer will follow the principle that all teams must have an equal opportunity to fence the same number of bouts. If, due to an injury withdrawal, competing teams have a different number of opportunities to fence, then the team that is negatively affected by the withdrawal shall not be placed behind another team if the difference in the opportunities to fence is equal to or less than the difference in the number of bouts won.

Black Card. If a fencer is excluded from the round-robin portion of the competition due to receiving a Black Card, all results (individual and team) will be tabulated as if that fencer had not fenced. A fencer who receives a Black Card during the top-four finals bouts will be excluded from the competition, and the place that the fencer would have otherwise taken will remain vacant. Additional NCAA misconduct penalties outlined in the Division I Manual also may be imposed.

If a fencer(s) who has already qualified for the top-four finals bouts is forced to withdraw before the start of the top-four table, that fencer will be ranked below those who compete and his/her place in the final direct-elimination table will remain blank (i.e., if one fencer withdraws, the No. 1 seed will have a bye).

Fencers are ranked according to the following indicators:

1. Total NUMBER of victories;
2. Percentage of victories (V/B);
3. Net touches (TS - TR); and
4. Most touches scored.

For seeding into the top-four individual finals, in case of absolute equality between two or more fencers, their seeding order will be decided by drawing lots. However, if there is equality between two or more fencers to qualify for the top-four individual finals, there will be a barrage of five-touch bout(s) to enter the finals table.

Transportation and Per Diem

[Reference: Annual Forms in this handbook, Transportation and Per diem in the Division I General Championship Information Handbook, and Bylaw 31.1.5 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

Please refer to the NCAA Travel policies for all information regarding transportation and per diem expenses. Travel policies can be found online at www.ncaa.org/financial/travelforms.html.

Uniforms and Safety Requirements

[Reference: Bylaw 12.5.4 in the NCAA Division I Manual.]

All masks, body cords and lamé apparel material must be checked, approved and marked by the official armorer before the competition.

Institutional Logo. For identification purposes, fencers must wear school colors or institutional names that are clearly visible and distinguishable from their opponents. Armbands or socks (both in school colors), or institutional identification, are required. The use of adhesive tape is not an acceptable form of institutional identification. Appropriate institutional identification is required or a \$50 fine will be assessed. Fines shall be paid to the NCAA at the site of competition before any student-athlete from that institution can compete.

Logos. An institution's official uniform and all other items of apparel (e.g., socks, headbands, T-shirts, wristbands, visors or hats and towels) that are worn by student-athletes in competition may bear a single manufacturer's or distributor's normal trademark, not to exceed 2¼ square inches, including any additional material (e.g., patch) surrounding the normal trademark or logo. The logo or trademark must be contained within a four-sided geometrical figure (i.e., rectangle, square, parallelogram). The FIE official markings on a uniform are not considered manufacturers' logos.

In addition, an institution's official uniform cannot bear a design element similar to the manufacturer's that is in addition to another logo or that is contrary to the size restriction.

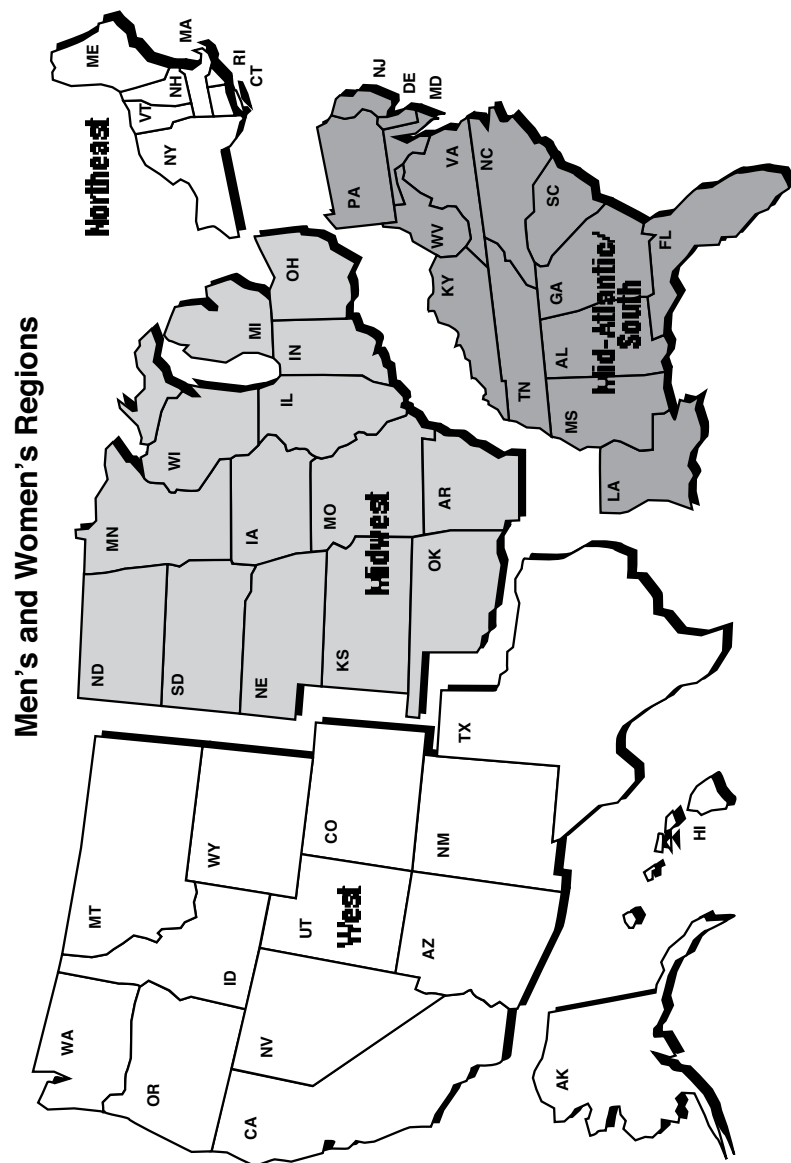
A student-athlete representing an institution in intercollegiate competition is limited to wearing apparel items that include only the logo (not to exceed 2¼ square inches) of an apparel manufacturer or distributor. The student-athlete may not wear any apparel that identifies any other entity, other than the student-athlete's institution.

These restrictions apply to all apparel worn by student-athletes during the conduct of competition, which includes any prematch or postmatch activities.

This bylaw will be strictly enforced at all NCAA championships, and the names of individuals and institutions that are not in compliance with this bylaw shall be forwarded to the NCAA enforcement staff.

Additional Requirements. The logo restriction on student-athletes' apparel set forth in 12.5.4 shall apply during all NCAA national collegiate championships to all personnel (e.g., coaches, trainers, managers) who are on the team bench for practice and competition or who participate in news conferences. Please note that those contracts between institutions and apparel manufacturers or distributors that include logo specifications may be honored, provided such contracts were in effect prior to August 11, 1998. Also, the logo restriction on student-athletes' apparel as set forth in 12.5.4 shall apply to commercial logos on uniforms worn by band members, cheerleaders, dance team members and the institution's mascot during NCAA championship events.

Appendix A



Appendix B

2008-09 Women's Fencing

Regional Alignment

NORTHEAST REGION

Boston College	New York University
Brandeis University	Queen's College (New York)
Brown University	Sacred Heart University
Columbia University-Barnard College	St. Francis College (New York)
Cornell University	St. John's University (New York)
Harvard University	Tufts University
Hunter College	Vassar College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Wellesley College
City College of New York	Yale University
	Yeshiva University

MID-ATLANTIC/SOUTH REGION

Drew University	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Duke University	University of Pennsylvania
Fairleigh Dickinson University, Metropolitan Campus	Pennsylvania State University
Haverford College	Princeton University
Johns Hopkins University	Stevens Institute of Technology
New Jersey Institution of Technology	Temple University

MIDWEST REGION

Cleveland State University	University of Notre Dame
University of Detroit Mercy	Ohio State University
Lawrence University	Wayne State University (Michigan)
Northwestern University	

WEST REGION

University of California, San Diego	Stanford University
California Institute of Technology	U.S. Air Force Academy

Appendix C

2008-09 Men's Fencing

Regional Alignment

NORTHEAST REGION

Boston College	New York University
Brandeis University	Sacred Heart University
Brown University	St. John's University (New York)
Columbia University	Vassar College
Harvard University	Yale University
Hunter College	Yeshiva University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	

MID-ATLANTIC/SOUTH REGION

Drew University	University of Pennsylvania
Duke University	Pennsylvania State University
Haverford College	Princeton University
Johns Hopkins University	Stevens Institute of Technology
Lafayette College	
New Jersey Institution of Technology	
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	

MIDWEST REGION

Cleveland State University	University of Notre Dame
University of Detroit Mercy	Ohio State University
Lawrence University	Wayne State University (Michigan)

WEST REGION

University of California, San Diego	Stanford University
California Institute of Technology	U.S. Air Force Academy

Appendix D

NCAA Procedures for Conducting Men's and Women's Intercollegiate Fencing Meets

Per NCAA Bylaw 17.32, member institutions shall conduct all of their intercollegiate competition in accordance with the playing rules of the Association in all sports for which the NCAA develops playing rules. For those sports in which the Association follows rules that are developed by other governing bodies and modified by the governing sports committee, the adopted playing rules shall be used. The governing sports committee will not consider any results for selection purposes that are not played in accordance with the NCAA rules, or those rules adopted by an outside organization.

Introduction

The NCAA Men's and Women's Fencing Committee has established the following intercollegiate rules for conducting uniform regular-season dual or multiple-meet competitions and regional championships. Effective: May 23, 2001.

The rules of the United States Fencing Association (USFA) in effect as of October 1 each year (except as expressly noted herein) will be the applicable rules for intercollegiate competition. Changes to the rules by the USFA after October 1 will be reviewed by the NCAA fencing committee and considered for possible inclusion into these rules.

Specific rules for the NCAA championships are identified in the National Collegiate Men's and Women's Fencing Championships Handbook, which is published annually by the NCAA.

Rules In Addition To USFA Rules

1. General

- 1.1—The host coach is responsible for having a current USFA rule book and these rules available at all matches.
- 1.2 —These rules shall apply unless an exception(s) is agreed upon in writing by the participating coaches and/or the constituted governing authority before the start of any bout.
- 1.3—Where USFA rules state the words "team captain," this will be the coach or designee.

2. Organization of Competitions

- 2.1—Dual Meet: a three-weapon meet between two teams, each having three fencers in each of the three weapons for a total of nine fencers. Each of the fencers of one weapon squad will meet each of the fencers of the other weapon squad in one bout, for a total of nine bouts. The same procedure is followed for each weapon squad for a total of 27 bouts.
- 2.2—Multiple Meet: is more than one dual meet involving more than two teams at one site on the same date.
- 2.3—Bout Committee: It shall be appointed by the head referee and shall be comprised of referees. (If an appropriate authority has not appointed a head referee, the referees

will select a head referee.)

2.4—NCAA Official Scoresheet: It is to be provided by the host and is to be used for all intercollegiate varsity meets.

2.5—Dual Meet Format:

2.5.1—All three weapons of the same team will be scored on the same half of the scoresheet. ("Team A" remains "Team A" in all three weapons; if the men's team and the women's teams from both schools are fencing concurrently, this applies to all six weapons.)

2.5.2—It must be determined before a dual meet which system of fencing will be used. If the system has not been contractually predetermined and both coaches cannot agree on which system to use, System 1 will be used. The following are suggested systems:

2.5.2.1—System 1: A dual meet conducted on two strips. Épée and sabre will start simultaneously and foil will start as soon as one of the two strips is available.

2.5.2.2—System 2: A dual meet conducted on two strips. The order of bouts is three bouts sabre, then three bouts foil and three épée simultaneously. Repeat the sequence until all bouts are fenced.

2.5.2.3—System 3: A dual meet conducted on one strip. The order of fencing is three bouts sabre, three bouts foil, and three bouts épée until all 27 bouts are fenced.

2.5.2.4—System 4: A dual meet conducted on two strips. Épée and foil will start simultaneously and sabre will start as soon as one of the two strips is available.

2.5.2.5—System 5: A dual meet conducted on three strips, with all weapons fenced simultaneously.

2.6—Lineups

2.6.1—An institution's men's or women's team must include a minimum of five fencers.

2.6.2—A coin is tossed to determine which team gets which side (left or right) of the scoresheet.

2.6.3—Starting lineups shall be submitted, in writing and without knowledge of the opposing team's lineup, to the referee.

2.6.4—The scoresheet is folded and each team writes the order without being able to see the opponent's lineup. Said lineups may not be changed until after the first complete round in each weapon has been fenced.

2.6.5—A fencer may not compete in more than one weapon in a dual meet.

2.6.6—If a team consists of fewer than nine fencers, the opposing team shall record as a "FV" (forfeited victory) any bouts not fenced. Bouts won by forfeit must not be recorded on individual NCAA report forms.

2.7—Substitutions

2.7.1—It is the responsibility of the coach or designee to substitute within the rules.

—2.7.2—A substitute is a fencer who does not fence in the first three bouts.

2.7.3—In the course of a match, the coach or designee of a team must notify the referee before replacing a fencer with a substitute. The request for a substitution may only be made at the end of a bout.

2.7.4—The announcement that a fencer is to be substituted, which should be made by the referee to the opposing team coach or designee, must be made before the beginning of the previous bout in which the substitute is to fence.

2.7.5—After a dual meet has been decided (14 wins for one team), a substitution may be made at the time a bout is called; however, once both fencers have hooked up, no substitution may be made.

2.7.6—When a substitute has been entered into the lineup, and that bout has been called, that fencer must be on the strip and ready to fence within two minutes or the fencer will receive a warning for delay of bout.

2.7.7—A substitute may not be replaced once the bout is called.

2.7.8—An exception to substitutions rules can be made in case of injury as allowed by USFA rules.

2.7.9—Two or more fencers may fence in the same numbered position. A fencer who has been replaced may return to the lineup but only in the numbered position originally occupied.

2.7.10—After the outcome of the meet has been decided (14 wins for one team), a substitute may fence two or more bouts, consecutive or otherwise, provided it is not against the same opponent. The first right of two consecutive bouts is given to the team that lost. However, the team that won may have the same option unless the substitutes will fence each other twice. In this instance, the team that lost has the option.

2.7.11—The scorer must accept instructions only from the presiding referee when writing a substitute onto the scoresheet.

2.7.12—A substitution made without informing the referee as stipulated above in accordance with the rules results in that bout being forfeited by the team that attempted the illegal substitution.

2.8—A Bout Commenced Out of Order

If a bout is fenced out of order, it should be moved to the proper place in the bout order. If a bout is started but not completed when the error is detected, the bout is completed and moved to the proper place in the order.

2.9—Timeouts

2.9.1—In regular-season meets only, the referee, when requested and when a halt has been called for some other reason, should grant permission to a coach or designated team representative on the strip (as appointed by the coach) to take one timeout per bout of a maximum duration of 30 seconds. Only one person may confer with their respective fencers during this timeout. Such permission may be granted once for each contestant during a bout. The opposing team also may confer during this timeout.

2.10—Black Cards

2.10.1.1—Level one black card indicates exclusion of the match in which it occurs even if the bout is concluded. No substitutions are permitted and no other results are affected. The bout, even if concluded and won by the athlete black carded, is recorded as a 5-0 defeat for that fencer.

2.10.1.2—Level two black card indicates that in addition to the above penalties, the fencer will be excluded from remaining scheduled dual meets at the event.

Appendix E

Sample NCAA Fencing Championships Schedule — Eight Strips (12 Strips Preferred)

Wednesday

2 p.m.	National committee meeting and site inspection
3:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.	Equipment check; open practice Participant registration
7 p.m.	Mandatory coaches meeting (Men's weapons)

Thursday

8 -9 a.m.	Participant registration
8 a.m.	Training room opens; open practice Armory opens Officials Meeting
9:30 a.m.	Referees report to strips
9:45 a.m.	National anthem
10 a.m.	Men's Epee, rounds 1-4 Men's Foil, rounds 1-4 Men's Sabre, rounds 1-4

Friday

8 a.m.	Armory opens/Equipment check Training room opens
9:15 a.m.	National Anthem
9:30 a.m.	Men's Epee, rounds 5-7 Men's Foil, rounds 5-7 Men's Sabre, rounds 5-7 Six semifinal bouts will be fenced simultaneously.
1-4 p.m.	Apparel and equipment check Participant registration
2 p.m.	Men's Gold Medal Bouts The three first-place bouts will be fenced on one strip. Men's individual awards presentation (immediately after finals).
4-5 p.m.	Mandatory coaches meeting (Women's weapons only) and coaches forum
6:30 p.m.	Championships banquet

Saturday

8 a.m.	Participant registration (until 9:30 a.m.) Training room opens Armory opens
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9:45 a.m.	National Anthem
10 a.m.	Women's Epee, rounds 1-4 Women's Foil, rounds 1-4 Women's Sabre, rounds 1-4

Sunday

8 a.m.	Training room opens Armory opens
9:15 a.m.	National Anthem
9:30 a.m.	Women's Epee, rounds 5-7 Women's Foil, rounds 5-7 Women's Sabre, rounds 5-7 Six semifinal bouts will be fenced simultaneously.
2 p.m.	Women's Gold Medal Bouts The three first-place bouts will be fenced on one strip. Women's individual awards presentation (immediately after finals). Team awards presentation.

Appendix F

NCAA Men's and Women's Fencing Strip Layout for Group of Four Strips

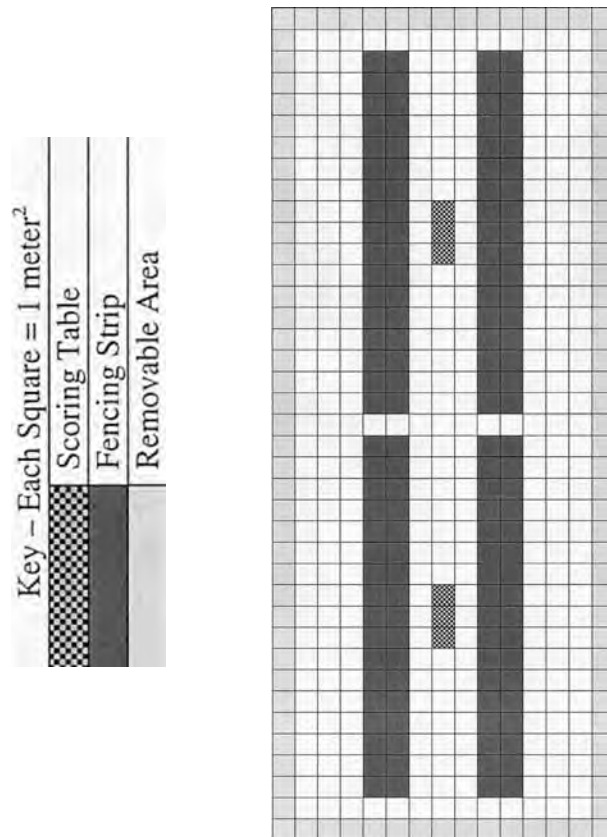
Total Area: 39 meters x 15 meters = 127.9 feet x 49.2 feet.

Total area if insufficient space requires removal of removable area.

37 meters x 15 meters = 121.4 feet by 45.51 feet.

12 Strips (6 corrals with 2 strips in each = 37 meters x 15 meters=128 ft x 50ft.

8 Strips (4 corrals with 2 strips each) = 21 meters x 15 meters=70 ft x 50 ft.



Appendix G

Ranking Categories

150	FIE	Senior	1-8
	FIE	Junior	1-3
140	FIE	Senior	9-32
	FIE	Junior	4-8
120	FIE	Senior	33-64
	FIE	Junior	9-24
	USFA	Senior	1-8
	NCAA		1-4
110	USFA	Senior	9-16
	USFA	Junior	1-4
	FIE	Senior	65-96
	FIE	Junior	25-48
	NCAA		5-8
100	USFA	Senior	17-24
	USFA	Junior	5-8
	NCAA		9-12
90	USFA	Senior	25-36
	USFA	Junior	9-12
80	A Ranking		
	USFA	Junior	13-16
	NCAA		13-16
60	B Ranking		
	USFA	Senior	25-32
	USFA	Junior	17-24
	NCAA		17-24
40	C Ranking		
20	D Ranking		
10	E Ranking		
1	U Ranking / walk-on		

**Freshmen Foreign Athletes should be evaluated by their respective coaches and ranked comparably to the USFA ranking. Their power rating can be upgraded during the season either by their coach or by their region chair.

Appendix H

Explanation of Selection Formulas

Two Primary Factors Determine Selection into the Championships:

1. Fencer's Seeding Factor (FSF) [Weight = 40%]
2. Placement at NCAA Regional competition [Weight = 60%]

SELECTION FORMULA:

Fencer's Seeding Factor = (Total Number of Bout Victories / Total Number of Bouts Fenced x Season Strength Factor) + (0.4 x Individual Victories Strength Factor)

FENCER'S SEEDING FACTOR (FSF)

- The FSF measures a fencer's performance versus his/her opponents during regular season competition. Therefore, performance during the regular season will have consequences.
- FSF is used to rank/seed competitors for NCAA Regional competition.
- FSF is based on three variables:
 1. Winning Percentage:
$$\text{Total Number of Bout Victories} / \text{Total Number of Bouts Fenced}$$
 2. Season Strength Factor (SSF)
 3. Individual Victories Strength Factor (ISF)
- Important factors of the FSF:
 1. Opponents' power ratings.
 2. Victory bouts.

OPPONENT'S POWER RATING

- Measures the strength of competitors based on past performances.
- Factors that determine the power rating:
 1. USFA Rank (current by November 30, 2008)
 2. FIE Rank (current by November 30, 2008)
 3. 2008 NCAA Championships placement
- Head coaches must submit power ratings of their fencers to the NCAA by November 30 of the current fencing season.

WINNING PERCENTAGE

- A fencer's winning percentage is calculated in the following way:
$$\text{Number of Bouts Won} / \text{Number of Bouts Attempted}$$
- All bouts fenced during the regular season are considered.
- Rationale for taking into consideration a fencer's winning percentage: The fencer who wins more bouts should be rewarded rather than one who wins less bouts

SEASON STRENGTH FACTOR (SSF)

For selection purposes, a fencer's season will be characterized by how he/she does against opponents who comprise the first 60% of the most difficult bouts fenced (i.e., highest rated opponents by power rating) fenced only.

- The SSF statistic is multiplied by the winning percentage for all bouts fenced during regular season competitions.
- This provides some incentive for teams to schedule approximately 40% of their bouts against opponents with lower power ratings.

EXAMPLE: If a fencer had a total of 25 bouts, 60% of those bouts equal 15 bouts (round up to the nearest whole number). The power rating points of the top 15 opponents are then added up (regardless of who won) and that number is then divided by 15 for the SSF.

Total Number of Bouts x 0.60 = Z

25 x 0.60 = 15

Opponents' Power Ratings:

1. 40
 2. 60
 3. 40
 4. 80
 5. 100
 6. 120
 7. 60
 8. 80
 9. 40
 10. 20
 11. 120
 12. 0
 13. 60
 14. 80
 15. 40
- Total = 940

Sum of Power Rating Pts. of Top 60% Opponents / Z = Season Strength Factor

940/15 = 63 (62.67) SSF

SSF IS USED IN THE FIRST PART OF THE EQUATION: (Total Number of Bout Victories/Total Number of Bouts Fenced x Season Strength Factor)

INDIVIDUAL VICTORIES STRENGTH FACTOR (ISF)

- The ISF measures the strength of the opponents against whom victories were gained.
- Victory bouts against opponents with the highest power rating will be ranked first.
- After the victory bouts are ranked as indicated above, the ISF will be based on the best 50% of all the (ranked) victory bouts. If the number of victories exceeds 32, only the top 16 victories will be taken into account. If an odd number of bouts exists, then the better bout down should be used. Coaches can choose which bout they use.

EXAMPLE: If a fencer won 11 bouts, then the top five or six (50% of 11) power ratings of opponents from those bouts won should be used. Take the average of those top five or six power ratings and you have the ISF.

1. 60
2. 80
3. 100
4. 80
5. 120
6. 100

Total = 540

Average: $540/6 = 90$

ISF IS USED IN THE SECOND PART OF EQUATION: $(0.4 \times \text{Individual Victories Strength Factor})$

$0.4 \times 90 = 36$

36 should be entered into the second part of the equation.

RESULTS

- Fencers qualify for the NCAA Regionals on the basis of their FSF.
- Each school can qualify up to 12 fencers per gender (two per weapon):
 - Fencers qualify in order of priority based on their FSF statistic among fencers in their region; and
 - Fencers must have fenced in:
 - o A minimum of 21 regular season bouts; and
 - o A minimum of half of their regular season dual meets in the same weapon.
- Fencers qualify for the NCAA Championships on the basis of two factors:
 - o 40% weight is placed on FSF + 60% weight is placed on placement in NCAA Regionals.
 - o Each school can qualify up to two fencers per gender per weapon up to the region's limit of allocations per gender per weapon.
- The regional champion at each regional will automatically be considered for allocation for recommendation to participate in the championships.
- If the institution has more than two qualifiers, it will be an institutional decision as to who will be recommended.