



2015-16 Membership Application

Please print clearly or type the following:

\*Required Information

New Member  Renewal

Renewing Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

\*Last name \_\_\_\_\_ \*First name \_\_\_\_\_ M I

\*Birth date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (Month/Date/Year)

Gender:  Male  Female

\*U.S. Citizen?  Yes  No

If NO, Country of Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

If NO, Permanent Resident?  Yes, Issue Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Proof of permanent residency must be submitted to National Office to compete in Qualifiers and National Championships.

\*E-mail 1: \_\_\_\_\_ (Primary email is used for online membership account log-in)

E-mail 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary mailing address:  Home  School  Employer

\*Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Suite/Apartment # \_\_\_\_\_

\*City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone

A member can declare a division affiliation based on his or her residence, location of the school that member is attending or location of club. If a division is not indicated, the fencer will be assigned to the division based on residence.

\*Division: Colorado  
Division information can be found on the USA Fencing website

\*Division based on:  Residence  Club  School

Primary/ Competition Club: Denver Fencing Center  
Type:  School  Club

Secondary Club: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type:  School  Club

NCAA Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
The information presented here is used solely to comply with fencing rule o.13 so that conflicts are avoided.

The USA Fencing Membership year runs

August 1, 2015 to July 31, 2016.

MEMBERSHIP TYPE:

1 year memberships expire 7/31/16 (see reverse for requirements and benefits)

Competitive Membership Types:	1 year
Competitive	<input type="checkbox"/> \$70
Collegiate Competitive	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40
Professional	<input type="checkbox"/> \$105
Life Installment (\$120 for 10 years)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$120
Life (see reverse for information on life benefactor)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,200

Other Membership Types:	1 year
Non-Competitive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$10
Supporting	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25

Upgrades	1 year
Non-Competitive to Competitive	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60
Professional + (Add-on includes background screen)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35
Supporting (For parents of comp athletes under 18)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10

(Supporting parents – please complete a separate application for your membership)

Please note that the Release and Waiver located on page 2 must be completed before the membership form can be processed.

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**RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY -- READ BEFORE SIGNING**

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the USA Fencing Association and its related events and activities, I, \_\_\_\_\_ [print name], the undersigned, acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that:

1. The risk of injury from the activities involved in the sport of fencing and related activities is significant, including the potential for serious injury or death, and while particular skills, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation in any such activity, I will bring such hazard immediately to the attention of an official, organizer or other person with responsibility for such activity; and,
2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
3. I agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation, including but not limited to those set forth in USA Fencing's Fencing Rules, Athlete Handbook and Safe Sport Policy, as amended from time to time; and,
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS USA FENCING, and any affiliated section, division, club, host organization, officer, director, referee, coach, volunteer, official, agent and/or employee, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used for the activity ("Releasees"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY.

x \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
**PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE**

**FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE**

(UNDER AGE 18 AT TIME OF REGISTRATION) This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releasees, and, for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

x \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
**PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE**

Arbitration: Any controversy or claim arising from or relating to my membership or participation, or my minor child's membership or participation, in the USFA, including but not limited to any matter arising from or relating to (i) qualification or selection for, or competition in, any fencing event, whether staged under the auspices of the USFA, the FIE, the USOC, the IOC or some other fencing administrative body, (ii) qualification or selection for, or activities as, a referee, coach or other official at any such fencing event; or (iii) compliance with any rule, regulation, policy, practice, bylaw, or statutory or common law, of the USFA, FIE, USOC or IOC, or of any national, state, provincial or local governing or administrative body, including any issue concerning compliance by the USFA or by any officer, director, employee, agent, attorney, referee, official, committee member or volunteer of the USFA, shall to the fullest extent permitted by law be settled by arbitration, provided, however, that prior to the commencement of any such arbitration, any and all available administrative procedures and remedies of the USFA, FIE, USOC, IOC or applicable sports, governmental or administrative body shall have been exhausted. Any arbitration shall administered by the American Arbitration Association in accordance with its Commercial Arbitration Rules and judgment on the award rendered by the arbitrator(s) may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. The arbitration shall be governed by the laws of the State of Colorado and the United States. If the dispute is less than \$50,000 there shall be no discovery other than the exchange of documents. If the dispute is over \$49,999.99, discovery may also include no more than two (2) depositions (of not more than 7 hours each) by each side, unless the parties shall otherwise agree or the arbitrator(s) shall otherwise order for good cause shown. The arbitrator(s) will have no authority to award consequential, punitive or exemplary damages. Except as may be required by law or noted above, neither a party nor an arbitrator may disclose the existence, content, or results of any arbitration hereunder to a non-party without the prior written consent of all parties.

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**Membership Type Requirements and Benefits**

**Competitive:** Any fencer who wishes to compete at a local, regional, or national level. Benefits include:

- Right to compete: Recognition as a member of USA Fencing, online membership profile/card and passport to worldwide fencing
- Subscription to American Fencing Magazine – USA Fencing Quarterly Publication
- Voting Privileges: Members 18 and over, as of February 1st of the membership year, have the right to vote in USA Fencing elections
- Secondary Medical/Accident Insurance: Covers USA Fencing sanctioned activities (contact USA Fencing National Office for policy specifics.)
- Discounts on Travel and Fencing Equipment available on the USA Fencing website
- Your dues support the sport at all levels from grassroots to the Olympic and Paralympic Games

**Collegiate Competitive:** Benefits same as Competitive members with the following requirements:

- Individual must be listed as a member on an approved roster submitted by a College/University fencing club with a current USFA Affiliate or Club membership OR
- Individual must be a member of an NCAA fencing program.

**Professional:** Member will be required to successfully complete a background screening. If background check is not successfully completed within 30 days after receipt of application, membership will revert to Competitive level. Benefits same as Competitive with the following additions:

- Certificate of recognition
- Coach Credential (membership card)
- General Liability Insurance Coverage through the USA Fencing Policy (contact the National Office for policy specifics)

**Life Installment: (Formerly known as Supporting Life)** Benefits same as Competitive- Payment of 1/10 of life dues for 10 consecutive years, after which membership converts to Life Membership.

**Life:** Same as Competitive, valid until death.

**Life Benefactor Membership:** Life members may show their continuing support of USA Fencing by upgrading to Benefactor status. Benefactor memberships are grouped in four levels (Endowment/Patron/Benefactor/Philanthropist), with the dues determined by the Board of Directors. *Contact the National Office for more information.*

**Supporting (non-competitive):** Benefits same as Competitive with exception of Right to compete.

**Non-Competitive:** Membership include secondary medical/accident coverage during USA Fencing sanctioned activities, but does not include right to compete or vote. Membership is upgradeable to competitive membership upon payment of dues equivalent.

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**How to Contact USA Fencing**

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