



Rules and Examinations Chair Position Description

The USA Fencing Referees' Commission aims to facilitate the best possible athlete and referee experience in American fencing competitions by developing and managing a group of competent and unbiased referees and creating an environment of fairness, honesty, integrity, and respect.

The Commission is responsible for:

- Developing referees
- Developing and maintaining seminars and exams
- Legislation and interpretation of rules
- Selecting and assigning referees at National competitions
- Awarding and reviewing referee classifications
- Conducting hearings on Code of Conduct or Code of Ethics breaches
- Submitting candidates for FIE licensure
- Assigning referees to international competitions
- Advocating for improved referee working conditions and pay

Position Description:

The Rules and Examinations Chair will oversee a Rules committee selected by the Rules and Examinations Chair, which will review the changes passed by the FIE and make recommendations to the Referees' Commission (and ultimately to the USA Fencing Board) regarding the changes to the USA Fencing rules and keep the USA Fencing rule book current. In addition, the Chair will be responsible for the revision and maintenance of a study guide and examinations to assure that USA Fencing referees know the rules and how to apply them. The elected Chair will serve for a term of four years. (Note that the Board has the ability to remove the individual selected for failure to effectively and competently fulfill his/her duties)

Primary Duties:

- Develop study guides and exams
- Ensure that the Rule Book is kept current and consistently updated
- Oversee the editor of the USA Fencing Rules of Competition
- Respond to questions from membership regarding rules interpretation
- Analysis of referee working hours
- Prepare reports to the Board of Directors and state the progress toward the Strategic Plan approved by the Board.
- Attend monthly referee calls
- Attend at least two National events per season
- In-person attendance to two RC meetings (Annual and JOs)
- Serve on the RC appeals panel
- Other RC-assigned duties

Qualifications

- Knowledge of Fencing French is encouraged
- Technical writing skills
- Mastery of the USA Fencing and FIE rulebooks
- Possess a minimum National Referee rating of N1 for the past five years
- Project management experience preferred
- Experience developing and implementing training materials and exams recommended

Skills

- Excellent attention to detail
- Strong organizational and communication skills
- Ability to multi-task and meet deadlines