

**SEMI Committee USA Fencing  
Meeting, Thursday, March 27, 2025, 8:30 PM  
Agenda V1.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Meeting Facilitator: Kathy Walters**

**Roll Call:**

**Approval of Committee Minutes from last meeting February 20, 2025**

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Debrief of March NAC**
- 2. Update on April NAC**
- 3. Update on warehouse cleanup progress**
- 4. Update on Remote/Machine numbering**
- 5. Regional Armorer Survey status**
- 6. Rule Book Update Status**
- 7. Proposed changes to the National Hire List**
- 8. Proposals: (attached)**
  - a. Crew Scheduling proposal**
  - b. Uniform Name/Country requirements and NCAA branding proposal.**
- 9. Action Items from last meeting:**
  - Ron will follow up on discarding old equipment from the warehouse.**
  - Liz is repairing a reel that was run over by a fork truck**
  - Brian will write up how to manage the armory crew on the last day.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 1) Proposed Next meeting date: April 17, 2025**
- 2) Proposed future meeting dates: May 15, 2025; June 19, 2025, July, 17, 2025**

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## **Proposals:**

### **Crew Scheduling Proposal:**

From email to Committee by Brian Rosen on 03/03/2025

Tear down is a long day for all armorers, and especially those charged with directing the fork lift operators. We highly recommend head techs implement the following schedule to minimize excessive hours on staff:

1. Dismiss at least half your crew early on the night before the tear down. This should include the people directing the fork lifts and the armorers who you plan to have supervising teardown of semis and finals. .
2. Armorers who got early dismissal other than the fork lift director and the finals supervisor(s) report as usual at 7 am
3. Armorers who worked until close of fencing the night before tear down, the fork lift director(s) and the final(s) supervisor should not report until 9 AM
4. Consider yourself one of those late arrival armorers if you have another armorer who can perform your duties early last morning,
5. When semis are packed. dismiss any crew not needed from then on.

## **Names on Uniforms Proposal:**

Proposal: To amend the USA Fencing Materials Rules to account for the current FIE fencing uniform standards and to clarify the use of NCAA or USA Fencing affiliated organization's names or logos in domestic USA Fencing competitions.

Motion: To amend the USA Fencing Materials Rules in the following manner:

M.25.3.d red note:

Remove: In USA Fencing local, divisional, and sectional competitions, there are no restrictions on colors or decorations on uniforms, providing that the uniforms still comply with all other requirements.

M.25.3.h:

Remove: The name of the fencer must be displayed on the back of the jacket with the abbreviation of the national federation below it, at the level of the shoulder blades. They must be printed directly on the jacket or on a cloth entirely sewn onto the jacket. The letters must be in dark blue, in capitals, between 8 cm and 10 cm high, and between 1 cm and 1.5 cm wide, according to the length of the name.

Replace: The family name of the fencer must be displayed on the back of the jacket or lame, with the FIE recognized abbreviation of the national federation below it, at the level of the shoulder blades. They must be printed directly onto the jacket/lame or onto a cloth entirely sewn onto the jacket/lame. The letters must be in dark blue, in Roman capitals, between 8 cm and 10 cm high, and each stroke must be a maximum of 1.5 cm wide.

- At domestic USA Fencing competitions it is not required to have a national federation abbreviation on jackets or lames. If the second printable line is used, it may only be:
  - the FIE recognized abbreviation of the fencer's national federation, or
  - the name of the fencer's current NCAA Fencing Team.
- A World Champion has the right to have his/her name and the abbreviation of his/her national federation printed in red for the following season.
- An Olympic Champion has the right to have his/her name and the abbreviation of his/her national federation printed in gold until the end of the next Olympic Games.
- Logos or names of the fencer's NCAA Fencing Team or other organization affiliated with USA Fencing may appear on the uniform pursuant to the locations and sizes listed in the USA Fencing Publicity Code (P.12.2).

Rationale: The current USA Fencing Materials rules related to Names on Uniforms does not reflect the current FIE standards or address the needs of USA Fencing athletes who also represent NCAA schools or universities.

## **Information for discussion related to Names on Uniforms:**

Excerpt from USA Fencing Publicity Code (Full text in Appendix D of USA Fencing Rules):

### **2 Fencing clothing and equipment**

a) If a federation and/or a fencer have signed a sponsorship contract with a commercial or other company, the logo of that sponsorship partner may be affixed:

- at the top of the sleeve of the non-sword arm of the fencing jacket, a maximum of 3 logos, with a maximum area of 85 cm<sup>2</sup> each;
- on the socks;
- on the glove, a maximum of one logo of 30 cm<sup>2</sup>, printed on the cuff, (attachment by sewing and gluing is not allowed);
- on the collarbones, a maximum of two logos, one each side, with a maximum area of 50cm<sup>2</sup> each;
- on the collar of the fencing jacket or electric fencing jacket, a maximum of one logo with a maximum area of 30 cm<sup>2</sup>;
- on the back, a maximum of one logo, below the nationality code, with a maximum area of 250 cm<sup>2</sup>. The sponsor's logo may be displayed on each side of the mask. Maximum size: 100 cm<sup>2</sup> on each side of the mask.

b) A fencer may not display more than ten such logos.