

USA FENCING **SPORT INTEGRITY POLICY**

Effective Date: February 14, 2026

Approved By: USA Fencing Board of Directors

Purpose

Integrity is fundamental to the credibility, fairness, and sustainability of sport. USA Fencing is committed to upholding the principles of honesty, ethical conduct, and fair competition, and to ensuring that all participants engage in fencing in a manner that maintains public confidence and respect for the sport. This Policy is consistent with the IOC Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions and the IPC Codes of Ethics, as applicable.

This Policy recognizes the increasing risks to sporting integrity, including corruption, competition manipulation, misuse of inside information, and inappropriate involvement in sports betting. These behaviors threaten the core values of sport and undermine the safety, welfare, and reputation of athletes, officials, organizations, and competitions.

This Policy provides a framework for identifying, mitigating, and responding to integrity threats; outlines expectations, responsibilities, and prohibited conduct for all participants; and supports education, monitoring, and enforcement measures designed to protect fencing from improper influence. This policy does not attempt to provide an exhaustive list of every possible circumstance in which an integrity threat may occur. Instead, by promoting awareness, accountability, and transparency, this policy aims to safeguard fair competition, protect participants from harm, and preserve the trust of fans, stakeholders, and the broader sporting community.

Applicability of Policy

This Sport Integrity Policy applies to all USA Fencing members and participants. Where reasonable and relevant, USA Fencing contractors will be required to comply with this Policy through their contractual agreements.

Definitions

USA Fencing Sanctioned Events: Any bout, match, competition, or activity that is sanctioned, authorized, conducted, administered, or otherwise recognized by USA Fencing, whether domestic or international; any competition in which USA Fencing selects members/athletes to participate; and any USA Fencing competition where the USOPC officially designates entrants. USA Fencing Sanctioned Events include, but are not limited to, the: Olympic and Paralympic Games; Pan American and Parapan American Games; World Championships and other major international competitions where individual and/or team selection is made by USA Fencing, as well as National championships and regional events.

USA Fencing members and participants: All USA Fencing members, employees, Board members, committee members, task force members, athletes, coaches, officials, support personnel, independent contractors, and others with access to competition-related information.

Inside Information: Any non-public information that could affect competition outcomes or be used for betting purposes. Examples of Inside Information include, but are not limited to, non-public injury or health information; team selection decisions prior to public announcement; competition strategies or tactics; and training or coaching details.

Sports Betting/Sports Wagering: Any attempt to bet, offer to bet, agreement to bet, solicitation, facilitation, or inducement to bet on a USA Fencing Sanctioned Event, whether or not the wager is ultimately accepted or settled.

Prohibition on Betting

USA Fencing members and participants may not engage in any form of Sports Betting and/or Sports Wagering on USA Fencing Sanctioned Events. USA Fencing members and participants are prohibited from engaging in any form of wagering, gambling, or staking of money or any other thing of value (whether monetary or non-monetary) in return for accepting or receiving (directly or indirectly) benefits or other things of value (whether monetary or non-monetary) based on the outcome, progress, conduct, or any other competitive aspect of a USA Fencing Sanctioned Event.

Prohibitions on Sports Betting or Sports Wagering extend to include, without limitation, wagers placed directly or indirectly: with licensed, unlicensed, domestic or international betting operators (including through licensed or unlicensed sport books, and futures and/or prediction contracts); through intermediaries or third parties; through use of cash, credit, digital assets, or any other means of payment; and on behalf of oneself or another person on any USA Fencing Sanctioned Event.

Prohibition on Manipulation

USA Fencing members and participants may not influence, manipulate, or attempt to influence or manipulate any competitive aspect of a USA Fencing Sanctioned Event in a way such that the outcome or any other aspect of the competition is determined (in whole or in part) by something other than the competitors' merits. Examples include, but are not limited to the result, score, margin, or placing; performance; statistics, or conduct; specific actions or incidents occurring during a competition (including prop/spot bets); and decisions made by officials.

Prohibition on Disclosing Inside Information for Betting

USA Fencing members and participants may not request or disclose, directly or indirectly to any individual that does not have a legitimate need to know, any Inside Information that the individual knows or should have known might lead to the information being used for purposes of Sports Betting related to USA Fencing Sanctioned Events. Examples of such

non-public information include, but are not limited to, injury or health information, competitive strategy, and training or coaching details.

Prohibition on Indirect Violations

USA Fencing members and participants may not direct, request, or encourage third parties to engage in the prohibitions contained in this policy on a USA Fencing members and participant's behalf.

USA Fencing members and participants are prohibited from accepting or receiving benefits or other things of value in connection with Sports Betting/Sports Wagering, the disclosure of Inside Information, and/or competition manipulation.

USA Fencing members and participants are prohibited from soliciting, facilitating, or encouraging other USA Fencing members and participants to bet, wager, or gamble on USA Fencing Sanctioned Events, disclose Inside Information, or manipulate any aspect of a USA Fencing Sanctioned Event.

Duty to Report and Cooperate

All USA Fencing members and participants have a continuing obligation to promptly report to USA Fencing and/or the USOPC any conduct, incident, approach, invitation, or information the individual knows, suspects, or reasonably should suspect, may constitute a violation of this Sport Integrity Policy or any related integrity rules or codes of conduct. Failure to report such violations may be considered a violation of the policy and may result in disciplinary action or related sanctions.

All USA Fencing members and participants have a duty to cooperate with USA Fencing and/or the USOPC in investigating violations of USA Fencing's Policy and the USOPC Sport Integrity Policy. Cooperation may include sitting for interviews within a reasonable amount of time and providing documentation. Note: failure to cooperate with any investigation may be considered a violation of the policy and subject the individual to sanctions. Violations of this Policy may result in disciplinary action, including suspension, termination, or referral to external sport authorities or law enforcement.

Procedures for Reporting, Reviewing, and Managing Reported Integrity Concerns

Integrity concerns must be timely reported to USA Fencing's General Counsel or Member Safety & Organizational Compliance Coordinator through the [USA Fencing Website](#) as detailed in the Resources section below. Upon receipt, USA Fencing will follow the established procedures in USA Fencing's Grievance and Disciplinary Complaint and Hearing Procedures.

Anyone reporting a perceived violation of this policy must be acting in good faith and have some basis for believing there may be a violation. Anyone who makes a false report knowing that it is false or that it has no basis is in violation of this policy. Such a violation may itself be reported under this policy and may lead to serious consequences. A report made in good faith will not result in discipline even if it is not substantiated.

USA Fencing has zero tolerance for retaliation against individuals who make good faith reports of potential ethical, policy, or legal violations, and who cooperate with investigations of the report. Consult the [USA Fencing Whistleblower & Anti-Retaliation Policy](#) for more details.

Individuals may also report integrity concerns to the USOPC Integrity Portal and/or the IOC/IPC Integrity Hotlines. Upon receipt of any reported integrity concern involving Protected Competitions (as defined by the USOPC Bylaws), the USA Fencing's designated integrity officer or compliance contact will immediately notify the USOPC Chief Ethics & Compliance Officer of the potential violation(s). USA Fencing is committed to assisting the IOC/IPC, the FIE, and the USOPC in ensuring integrity in sport. Where the IOC/IPC, the FIE, or the USOPC assert jurisdiction over an integrity review or investigation, USA Fencing will fully cooperate with the review. USA Fencing will recognize and enforce integrity-related sanctions issued by the IOC/IPC, the FIE, and/or the USOPC.

Education and Training

USA Fencing will provide annual education to USA Fencing members and participants regarding sport integrity risks, reporting obligations, and ethical decision-making. Completion of training may be required for eligibility or accreditation.

Resources

- Individuals who wish to report concerns related to this policy to USA Fencing can do so through [USA Fencing's Website](#).

USA Fencing General Counsel: j.saxon@usafencing.org / Member Safety & Organizational Compliance Coordinator: m.boland@usafencing.org

- Individuals who wish to report concerns related to this policy as it relates to involvement in the Olympic and Paralympic Movement, or are uncomfortable reporting a concern directly to USA Fencing, may also submit a report using the [USOPC Integrity Portal](#). The Integrity Portal allows individuals to submit concerns to the USOPC confidentially and/or anonymously. Reports may be made online or by telephone.

USOPC Integrity Portal: usopc.ethicspoint.com | 877-404-9935

- Individuals may also report any suspected or known manipulation of an Olympic or Paralympic competition to the relevant authority, including the IOC Integrity Hotline integrity@olympic.org or [IPC Whistleblower Channel](#).

IOC Integrity Hotline: integrity@olympic.org

- Team USA athletes may contact the Athlete Ombuds for independent and confidential advice on a variety of sport-related matters, including their rights, applicable rules, policies or processes, and questions related to resolving disputes

and grievances. The Athlete Ombuds can also help Team USA athletes connect with legal counsel or mental health resources if needed.

Athlete Ombuds: ombudsman@usathlete.org | www.usathlete.org