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Fencing parents are one of the largest and most invested constituencies in our sport. Families devote extraordinary time, energy, and resources to support their athletes. Yet the perspective of fencing parents is still not widely represented in the governance of the sport.

For more than a dozen years, I have experienced fencing from every stage of the parent journey. I have watched the sport up close as my daughter progressed from local and regional tournaments to many, *many* NACs, then to the international circuit and Junior and Senior World Championships, and ultimately the Olympic Games.



Those experiences have given me a practical understanding of both the challenges families navigate and the extraordinary opportunities the sport provides young athletes. I believe the Board benefits from members who understand fencing not only from the administrative side, but also from the perspective of the families who sustain the sport.

Volunteer service is also a core part of fencing. Our sport depends on the many volunteers, parents and others, who dedicate their time to help clubs grow, run tournaments, and strengthen the community. I have served as Chair of the USA Fencing Ethics Committee, helping ensure fair and principled governance. I was also one of the founding members of the Parents' Council, created to give parents a voice in the development of the sport. In addition, I write the [What Every Fencing Parent Should Know](#) fencing blog, which aims to help families better understand how the sport works, and have given seminars for new fencing parents at NACs. I believe the Board functions best when it remains closely connected to the fencing community, and I would continue engaging with parents, athletes, coaches, and clubs to ensure those perspectives are heard.

Through these efforts, I have tried to give back to the sport in appreciation for everything fencing has brought to my daughter and to our family. So my hope is to build on these efforts, by engaging with the fencing community in a new capacity, as a member of the USA Fencing Board.

USA Fencing is also at an important moment as it navigates a number of legal and governance challenges. In my professional life, I am a litigation partner at a major law firm specializing in complex investigations and litigation. Experience navigating complex disputes and governance issues may help the organization address these challenges thoughtfully and with sound judgment.

Fencing is an extraordinary sport that builds discipline, resilience, and lifelong community. I would be honored to bring my perspective as a fencing parent and my record of service to the USA Fencing Board, to help give back to the sport that has given our family so much.