



## Fall Board Meeting Part II, New York, New York

USA Fencing (United States Fencing Association, Inc.)

Sunday, October 26, 2025 at 11:00 AM MDT to Sunday, October 26, 2025 at 12:00 PM MDT

## Agenda

### I. Zoom Dial In Details

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### II. Call to Order

- Roll Call
- General Announcements
- Opening Remarks - Chair
- Moment of Remembrance - Dick Pew OLY
- Conflict of Interest Declaration

### III. Consent Agenda

- Approval of the Minutes of the October 24, 2025 Meeting of the USA Fencing Board of Directors.
- General Counsel & Outside Counsel: To appoint Jessica Saxon, Esq. to "General Counsel", and to in turn appoint Paul Greene, Esq. of Global Sports Advocates LLC, as USA Fencing's Outside Counsel, effective 11/1/2025.

#### A. FIE Rule Change

Presenter: Damien Lehfeldt

**MOTION A:** (Mr. Lehfeldt at the request of Donald Alperstein as liaison to the Referees' Commission): To adopt for USA Fencing, and incorporate into The Rules of Competition, changes to the Technical ("t" section), Organizational ("o" section), and Publicity Code ("p" section) rules approved at the 2023 FIE Congress in the form attached hereto (Appendix \*) with the following modification and exception:

t.96.3:

It is forbidden to score a **touch with the guard**. Any touches registered by hitting with the guard must be annulled, the fencer at fault being penalized as specified in Articles t.158-162, t.165, t.170, for the offenses of the 1st group.

t.122: No change

Said changes shall take effect as of January 1, 2026.

**Rationale:** At the 2023 Congress, the FIE adopted certain changes to the international rule book. With the exception of the addition of t.56.11 (and matching update to the penalty

chart in t.170), which USA Fencing adopted on June 29, 2025, USA Fencing has not yet followed the FIE lead. The current motion is to adopt equivalent changes to those made by the FIE in 2023 in the technical, organizational, and publicity code sections of the rulebook. While the FIE adopted changes in the material section in 2023 as well, those updates are not included in this motion and are deferred to a separate initiative to comprehensively update the material section including changes made at earlier FIE Congress meetings that have not yet been adopted for domestic use. At the 2024 Congress, the FIE further modified t.96 to correct an error introduced as part of the updates made at the 2023 Congress, and the current motion proposes to mirror the version of t.96 as updated at the 2024 FIE Congress and in the current FIE Rules. The FIE updated t.122 at both the 2023 and 2024 Congress, in each case with the update in effect for a single season (2023-2024 and 2024-2025, respectively). As both temporary periods have since lapsed, the current motion proposes not to update t.122.

In order to remain abreast of the rules being used internationally, USA Fencing should approve the proposed modifications to the USA Fencing Rules.

#### **IV. CEO, Operations & Finance Update**

Presenter: Phil Andrews

- Budget & Staffing Update

#### **V. New Business**

##### **A. Motion-Chair of the DEIB Committee**

Presenter: Molly Hill

**MOTION C:** on behalf of the Task Force on Committees and Resource Groups- To approve Dawn Wilson as Chair of the DEIB Committee for the 2025-2026 season.

**Rationale:** The DEIB Committee does not currently have a Chair. The Task Force on Committees and Resource Groups proposes Dawn Wilson as Chair due to her seniority on the committee, years of commitment and experience in the sport as a coach, fencer, and volunteer, and excellent leadership skills. Typically Chair terms would be two years like member terms however Dawn will be completing the term previously held by Nzingha Prescod. On a related informational note to the Board, Harrison Hue has been selected by the DEIB Committee to fill the role previously held by Nicholas Harvey (member selected by the committee itself not subject to Board approval).

##### **B. Motion- Member of Honor**

Presenter: Damien Lehfeltd

**MOTION D:** That the USA Fencing Board of Directors recognizes former USA Fencing President Donald K. Anthony, Jr. as a Member of Honor in appreciation of his exceptional leadership, service, and contributions to the sport of fencing in the United States and internationally.

**Rationale:** Donald K. Anthony, Jr. served as President and Chair of the USA Fencing Board of Directors from 2012 to 2020, a period during which he guided the organization through significant financial recovery and strategic growth.

Under his leadership:

- USA Fencing transitioned from a \$1.5 million deficit to financial stability, restoring confidence with the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee.
- He championed diversity and inclusion initiatives, expanding access to fencing for underrepresented communities.
- Anthony represented the U.S. on the global stage as a member of ComEx of the Fédération Internationale d’Escrime (FIE) and continues to serve on the US Fencing Foundation Board of Trustees.
- He founded SwordSport LLC, promoting fencing through media, events, and educational initiatives, and co-founded the Peter Westbrook Foundation, which uses fencing to empower underserved youth.
- As an athlete, Anthony represented Team USA at multiple Senior and Veteran World Championships, earning a silver medal at the 2010 Veteran World Championships.

His decades-long commitment as an athlete, coach, entrepreneur, and leader has profoundly shaped the trajectory of fencing in the U.S. and globally. Recognizing Don Anthony as a Member of Honor aligns with USA Fencing’s mission to honor individuals whose sustained contributions have elevated the sport and strengthened our community.

*Note: the member of honor accolade requires a 2/3 majority Board vote and may only be offered twice per calendar year.*

## **VI. Executive Session (if needed)**