2014-15 Membership Application
Please print clearly or type the following:
***Required Information**

❑**New Member** ❑**Renewing**

Renewing Membership # _____

_____ _____ ___
***Last name** ***First name** **M I**

***Birth date** ____/ ____/ ____ (Month/Date/Year)

Gender: ❑**Male** ❑**Female**

***U.S. Citizen?** ❑**Yes** ❑**No**

If NO, Country of Citizenship_____

If NO, Permanent Resident? ❑**Yes, Issue Date** ___/ ___/____
Proof of permanent residency must be submitted to National Office to compete in Qualifiers and National Championships.

***E-mail 1:** _____
(Primary email is used for online membership account log-in)

E-mail 2: _____

Primary mailing address: ❑**Home** ❑**School** ❑**Employer**

_____
***Street Address** **Suite/Apartment #**

_____
***City** **State** **ZIP**

(_____) _____ - _____
Primary Phone

A member can declare a division affiliation based on his or her residence, location of the school that member is attending or location of club. *If a division is not indicated, the fencer will be assigned to the division based on residence.*

***Division:** _____
Division information can be found on the USA Fencing website

***Division based on**: ❑Residence ❑Club ❑School

Primary/ Competition Club: _____
Type: ❑School ❑Club

Secondary Club: _____
Type: ❑School ❑Club

NCAA Affiliation: _____
The information presented here is used solely to comply with fencing rule o.13 so that conflicts are avoided.

The USA Fencing Membership year runs

August 1, 2014 to July 31, 2015.

MEMBERSHIP TYPE:
1 year memberships expire 7/31/15 (see reverse for requirements and benefits)

Competitive Membership Types:	**1 year**
Competitive	❑$70
Collegiate Competitive	❑$40
Professional	❑$105
Life Installment ($120 for 10 years)	❑$120
Life (see reverse for information on life benefactor)	❑$1,200

Other Membership Types:	**1 year**
Non-Competitive	❑$10
Supporting	❑$25

Upgrades	**1 year**
Non-Competitive to Competitive	❑$60
Professional + (Add-on includes background screen)	❑$35
Supporting (For parents of comp athletes under 18)	❑$10

(Supporting parents – please complete a separate application for your membership)

CONTRIBUTION: ❑$100 ❑$50 ❑$25 ❑Other:___
USA Fencing is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization.
Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

PAYMENT METHOD: PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH
USA Fencing memberships are non-refundable and non-transferable
❑Check (Make checks payable to USA Fencing.
There is a $25 fee for returned checks)
❑VISA ❑MasterCard ❑Discover ❑American Express

Credit Card # _____

Exp. Date_____

Print Name_____

Signature_____
Mandatory Authorized Cardholder Signature

Billing Address for credit card (if different than mailing address)

_____
Street Address **Suite/Apartment #**

_____
***City** **State** **ZIP**
Total amount enclosed $_____

Please note that the Release and Waiver located on page 2 must be completed before the membership form can be processed.

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY -- READ BEFORE SIGNING

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the USA Fencing Association and its related events and activities, I, _____ [print name], the undersigned, acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that:

1. The risk of injury from the activities involved in the sport of fencing and related activities is significant, including the potential for serious injury or death, and while particular skills, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation in any such activity, I will bring such hazard immediately to the attention of an official, organizer or other person with responsibility for such activity; and,
2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
3. I agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation, including but not limited to those set forth in USA Fencing's Fencing Rules, Athlete Handbook and Safe Sport Policy, as amended from time to time; and,
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS USA FENCING, and any affiliated section, division, club, host organization, officer, director, referee, coach, volunteer, official, agent and/or employee, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used for the activity ("Releasees"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY.

x_____ Age:_____ Date Signed:_____
PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE

(UNDER AGE 18 AT TIME OF REGISTRATION)This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releasees, and, for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

x_____ _____
PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE Date Signed

Membership Type Requirements and Benefits

Competitive: Any fencer who wishes to compete at a local, regional, or national level. Benefits include:

- Right to compete: Recognition as a member of USA Fencing, online membership profile/card and passport to worldwide fencing
- Subscription to American Fencing Magazine – USA Fencing Quarterly Publication
- Voting Privileges: Members 18 and over, as of February 1st of the membership year, have the right to vote in USA Fencing elections
- Secondary Medical/Accident Insurance: Covers USA Fencing sanctioned activities (contact USA Fencing National Office for policy specifics.)
- Discounts on Travel and Fencing Equipment available on the USA Fencing website
- Your dues support the sport at all levels from grassroots to the Olympic and Paralympic Games

Collegiate Competitive: Benefits same as Competitive members with the following requirements:

- Individual must be listed as a member on an approved roster submitted by a College/University fencing club with a current USFA Affiliate or Club membership OR
- Individual must be a member of an NCAA fencing program.

Professional: Member will be required to successfully complete a background screening. If background check is not successfully completed within 30 days after receipt of application, membership will revert to Competitive level. Benefits same as Competitive with the following additions:

- Certificate of recognition
- Coach Credential (membership card)
- General Liability Insurance Coverage through the USA Fencing Policy (contact the National Office for policy specifics)

Life Installment: (Formerly known as Supporting Life) Benefits same as Competitive**-** Payment of 1/10 of life dues for 10 consecutive years, after which membership converts to Life Membership.

Life: Same as Competitive, valid until death.

Life Benefactor Membership: Life members may show their continuing support of USA Fencing by upgrading to Benefactor status. Benefactor memberships are grouped in four levels (Endowment/Patron/Benefactor/Philanthropist), with the dues determined by the Board of Directors. *Contact the National Office for more information.*

Supporting (non-competitive): Benefits same as Competitive with exception of Right to compete.

Non-Competitive: Membership include secondary medical/accident coverage during USA Fencing sanctioned activities, but does not include right to compete or vote. Membership is upgradeable to competitive membership upon payment of dues equivalent.

How to Contact USA Fencing

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