



2016-17 Membership Application

Please note, there is a \$10 service fee for paper forms. Please visit www.usfencing.org and click on Membership to submit your form electronically at no cost.

New Member Renewal

Renewing Membership #

Last name First name MI

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

Do you want a plastic Membership Card? Y/N (Non-Competitive and Supporting Members DO NOT receive cards) If you will not use, please consider declining so that funds can be invested into the organization

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

College Affiliation:

The USA Fencing Membership year runs

August 1, 2016 to July 31, 2017.

MEMBERSHIP TYPE:

Table with 2 columns: Membership Type and Price. Includes Competitive, Collegiate, High School, Professional, and Life membership options.

Other Membership Types:

Table with 2 columns: Other Membership Type and Price. Includes Non-Competitive and Supporting membership options.

Upgrades

Table with 2 columns: Upgrade Type and Price. Includes Non-Competitive to Competitive, High School Club to Competitive, and Professional + options.

Additional Products

Table with 2 columns: Product and Price. Includes Extra Membership Card.

Service Fees\*\*

Table with 2 columns: Service Fee and Price. Includes Paper Application fee.

\*\*Avoid service fee by joining/renewing on line at www.usfencing.org

Help support the sport we love and fencing in America!

CONTRIBUTION: \$100 \$50 \$25 Other:

USA Fencing is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, charitable organization. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Learn more about USA Fencing giving opportunities and the United States Fencing Foundation at GIVE.USAFencing.org

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 \$10 fee for paper applications and 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

Arbitration: Any controversy or claim arising from or relating to my membership or participation, or my minor child's membership or participation, in the USFA, including but not limited to any matter arising from or relating to (i) qualification or selection for, or competition in, any fencing event, whether staged under the auspices of the USFA, the FIE, the USOC, the IOC or some other fencing administrative body, (ii) qualification or selection for, or activities as, a referee, coach or other official at any such fencing event; or (iii) compliance with any rule, regulation, policy, practice, bylaw, or statutory or common law, of the USFA, FIE, USOC or IOC, or of any national, state, provincial or local governing or administrative body, including any issue concerning compliance by the USFA or by any officer, director, employee, agent, attorney, referee, official, committee member or volunteer of the USFA, shall to the fullest extent permitted by law be settled by arbitration, provided, however, that prior to the commencement of any such arbitration, any and all available administrative procedures and remedies of the USFA, FIE, USOC, IOC or applicable sports, governmental or administrative body shall have been exhausted. Any arbitration shall administered by the American Arbitration Association in accordance with its Commercial Arbitration Rules and judgment on the award rendered by the arbitrator(s) may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. The arbitration shall be governed by the laws of the State of Colorado and the United States. If the dispute is less than \$50,000 there shall be no discovery other than the exchange of documents. If the dispute is over \$49,999.99, discovery may also include no more than two (2) depositions (of not more than 7 hours each) by each side, unless the parties shall otherwise agree or the arbitrator(s) shall otherwise order for good cause shown. The arbitrator(s) will have no authority to award consequential, punitive or exemplary damages. Except as may be required by law or noted above, neither a party nor an arbitrator may disclose the existence, content, or results of any arbitration hereunder to a non-party without the prior written consent of all parties.

**How to Contact USA Fencing**