



Rules and Examinations Chair Position Description

The USA Fencing Referees' Commission aims to facilitate the best possible athlete experience in American fencing competitions by developing and managing a group of competent and unbiased referees and creating an environment of fairness, honesty, integrity, and respect.

The Commission is responsible for:

- Developing referees
- Developing seminars and exams
- Legislation and interpretation of rules
- Selecting and assigning referees at National Team qualifying competitions
- Awarding referee classifications
- Liaising with Regional Event Organizers, and school and college programs
- Conducting hearings on Code of Conduct or Code of Ethics breaches
- Submitting candidates for FIE licensure
- Assigning referees to international competitions

Position Description:

The Rules and Examinations Chair will oversee a Rules committee selected by the Rules and Examinations Chair and confirmed by the Referees' Commission, which will review the changes passed by the FIE and make recommendations to the Referees' Commission (and ultimately to the USA Fencing Board) regarding the changes to the USA Fencing rules and keep the USA Fencing rule book current. In addition, the Chair will be responsible for the revision and maintenance of a study guide and examinations to assure that USA Fencing referees know the rules and how to apply them. The Chair will lead a group comprised of three additional individuals. The selected Chair will serve for a term of four years. (Note that the Board has the ability to remove the individual selected for failure to effectively and competently fulfill his/her duties)

Primary Duties:

- Develop study guides and exams
- Ensure that the Rule Book is kept current and consistently updated
- Respond to questions from membership regarding rules interpretation
- Prepare reports to the Board of Directors and state the progress toward the Annual Plan approved by the Board.

Qualifications

- Certified Referee Instructor/Examiner having given multiple seminars over a period of at least five years
- Knowledge of Fencing French is encouraged
- Experience developing and implementing training materials and exams recommended
- Possess a minimum National Referee rating of three for the past five years
- Professional management experience preferred
- Once selected by the Referees' Commission and the President of USA Fencing, the applicant must be approved by the USA Fencing Board of Directors

Skills

- Excellent attention to detail
- Strong organizational and communication skills
- Ability to multi-task and meet deadlines