USA Fencing

The offical NGB of fencing in the United States

What Is USA Fencing?

Founded in 1891 under the name Amateur Fencers League of America (AFLA), USA Fencing was started by a small group of New York fencers to separate themselves from the Amateur Athletic Union. It was incorporated as a non profit corporation in Pennsylvania and Colorado in 1964, in compliance with 1978's Amatuer Sports Act. The act also included provisions for recognizing National Governing Bodies for sports programs in the Olympic, Paralympic, and Pan American Games. USA Fencing is the National Governing Body for fencing in the United States.

USA Fencing is affiliated with the Féderation Internationale d'Escrime (FIE), the international federation for fencing founded in Paris in 1913.

Mission Statement

To grow and promote the sport of fencing in the United States, honor its rich traditions and achieve sustained competitive international excellence.

Core Values

USA Fencing is built upon five core values.

I. Excellence
II. Respect
III. Teamwork
IV. Inclusion
V. Passion

Diversity and Inclusion

I. Background

As the landscape of the United States becomes more diverse, it is important for the participants and audience of USA Fencing to reflect those changes. USA Fencing is committed to increasing opportunities for participation through the creation of a Diversity & Inclusion (D&I) Plan that includes policies, best practices, and programming that will position USA Fencing to increase athlete participation and our fan base.

II. Vision for Diversity and Inclusion

USA Fencing strives to increase the participation of all individuals regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, culture, religion, sexual orientation, gender expression, age or disability. We feel strongly that a diversity of thought, perspective and experience will be instrumental in growing the sport of fencing.

III. Definition of Diversity and Inclusion

USA Fencing defines Diversity & Inclusion as: Diversity is embracing any collective mixture of differences, similarities, and related tensions as we strive to develop more inclusive and high performing environments. Inclusion is creating and maintaining an environment in which contributions and strengths are recognized, optimized and valued in a way that generates opportunities for adaptability, problem solving, growth and ultimately increased success. USA Fencing hopes to increase participation in the sport of fencing from communities that have historically had low participation as athletes, staff or fans by proactively working towards a greater focus on D&I throughout all aspects of the organization.

North American Cups (NAC)

October NAC
Orlando, FL. | Division I, Division II, Cadet and Para

Oct. 26-29, 2023

November NAC
Fort Worth, TX. | Junior, Cadet, Y-14, Junior Team

Nov. 10-13, 2023

December SJCC + Division I NAC
Richmond, VA. | Junior, Cadet, Division I

Dec. 1-4, 2023

January NAC
San Jose, CA. | Division I, Junior, Vet Age, Vet Combined

Jan. 5-8, 2023

Feb. 16-19, 2024

Junior Olympics & Parafencing NAC

Charlotte, N.C | Junior, Cadet and Para

Mar. 1-4, 2024

March NAC

Portland, OR. | Cadet, Y-14, Y-12. Y-10

Apr. 25-28, 2024

April NAC

Salt Lake City, UT. | Division I, Division I Team, Junioe, Vet Age, Vet Combined, Para

Jun. 29-Jul. 8 2023

National Championships

Columbus, OH. | All Divisions and Age Groups

USA Parafencing

Each year, USA Fencing hosts parafencing competitions at two North American Cups alongside able-bodied events as well as the USA Fencing Parafencing National Championships, which is typically held in conjunction with the Division I National Championships.

The main object of parafencing is the same as for able-bodied competition. The first fencer to score 15 points (direct elimination) or five points (preliminary pool play) against the opponent wins. A point is awarded each time a fencer touches the opponent in the target area. Direct elimination matches consist of three three-minute periods.

The rules for parafencing include the fixed distance between fencers; the fencing measurement for epee and saber is to the outer elbow and for foil is the inner forearm. The target for foil and saber competitions is exactly the same as for able-bodied competition. In epee, the target is everything above the waist, with a conductive apron worn below the waist to aid in cancellation of these touches. Feet must remain on the footrest and the fencer must remain seated. The chair must be fixed at a 110 degree angle to the central bar.

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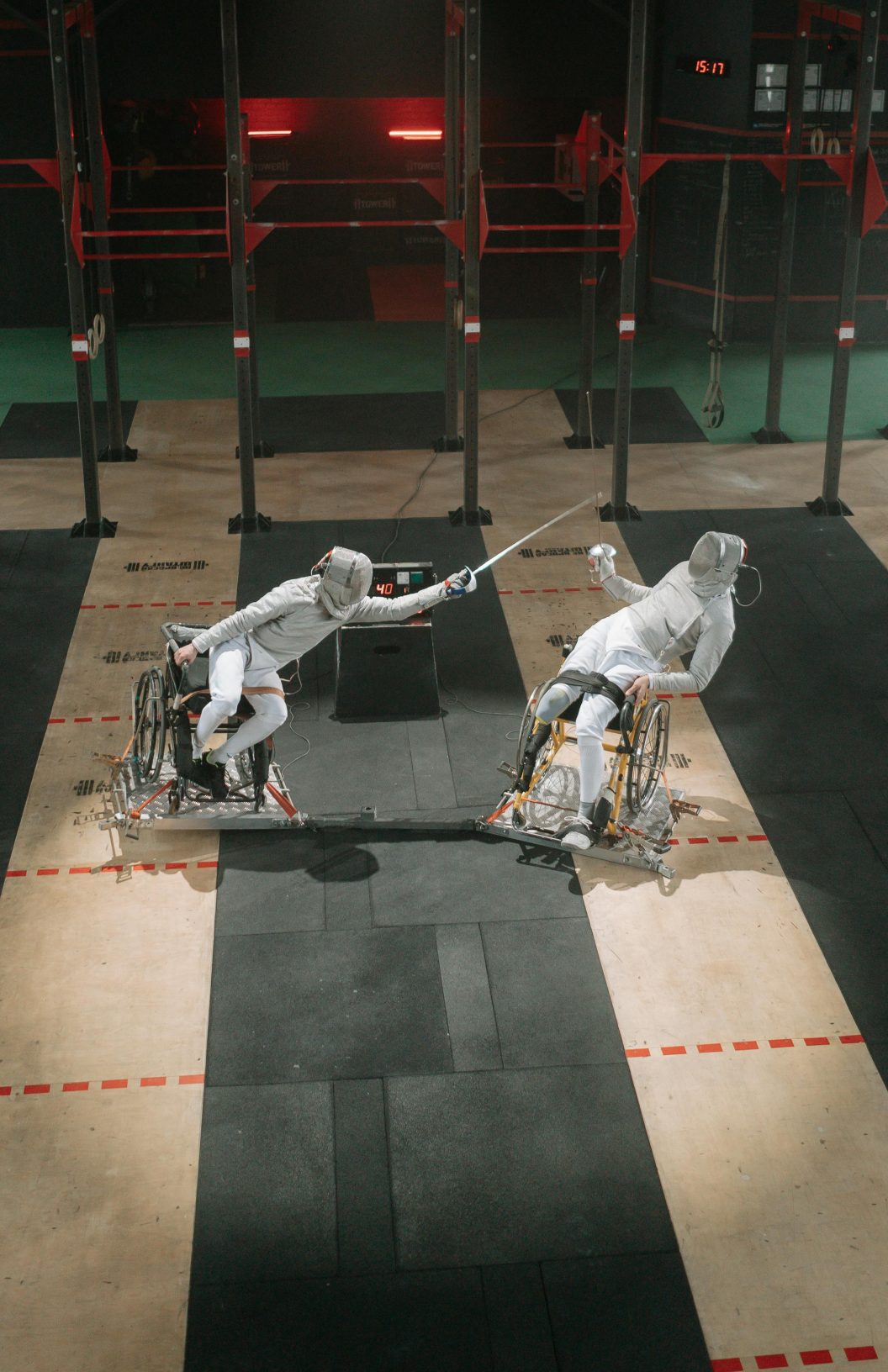
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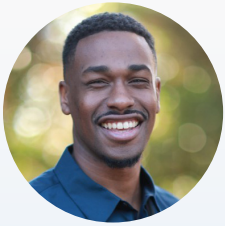
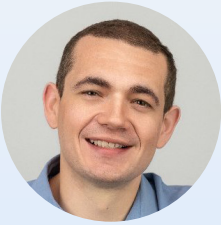
Staff Spotlights



Michael Aiken

National Events Manager

Aiken handles event logistics, as well as international events held in the United States. He has experience as a traveling sports manager prior to working with USA Fencing. He also organized transportation logistics for the U.S. Women's Soccer Team.



Phil Andrews

Chief Executive Officer

Andrews is the current CEO of USA Weightlifting, and am established leading sports administartor. Previously taking leadership roles at International Weight-lifting Federation.

Tabitha Chamberlin

Director of Finance & Administration

Chamberlin started as a Senior Account Manager for USA Fencing in 2021 before working her way up to the position of director. She had always dreamt of being involved with the olympics.

Dr. Peggy Chin

Director of Sports Medicine

Chin Served as a medicine provider for the National USA Fencing Team before becoming a director. She provided onsite supoort at training camps and World Cup events. Her experience includes a wide variety of sports.

Jordan Cook

Development Manager

Cook spent 8 years working within college atheltics at Colorado State University where she now focuses on an annual fundraising program. She graduated with a bachelor's in communication studies and is working towards a masters in sports management.

Shannon Daugherty

Regional Events Manager

Daugherty oversees all regional events for USA Fencing. She has experience with NGA's, previously working with USA Wrestling. After being involved with wrestling for over 17 years, she decided to branch out.

Glen Hollingsworth

Director of National Events

Hollingsworth worked with many NGA's prior in the form of internships. He worked with USA Karate, USA Cycling, and USA Hockey. Hollingsworth enjoys being onsite at tournaments to meet members face to face.

Tanner Gonzales

Director of Sports Medicine

Gonzales graduated with a Bachelor's in Sports management. acting as a varsity assistant and sophomore level coach for a HS basketball team in Colorado Springs for 2 years, qualifying for the state playoffs both years.

Nicole Kirk

Communications Coordinator

Kirk joined USA Fencing following her time at Fighting Irish Media at the University of Notre Dame. She served as an Assistant Athletics Communication Director, overseeing social media, content, and media relations.

Shannon Jolly

Senior Manager of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging

Jolly lead USA Fencing's DEIB initiatives by working closely to ensure a safe environment for everyone. He served as a trusted DEI consultant for sports organizations like the Atlanta Hawks, State Farm Arena and the NCAA.

Amanda Lily

Director of Major Gifts

Lily focuses on continuing to build the U.S. Fencing Foundation's strategic fundraising processes and fostering donor relationships. She has always been apart of non-profits, and got a Master's degree in Management of Nonprofit Organizations.

Kate Reisinger

Chief of Sport Performance

Reisinger previously worked at USA Field Hockey for 14 years before joining USA Fencing in 2013. She was a field hokcey leader for a number of international games.

Christina Pachuta

Senior Manager of Compliance & Athlete Safety

Pachuta is the primary administrator for all SafeSport, disciplinary and other compliance related matters. She also has a role in USA Fencing's FenceSafe program, providing education on SafeSport policies, and helping to manage the reporting and investigations.

Bryan Wendell

Director of Communications

Wendell worked with the Boy Scouts of America, writing dozen of feature length articles, hosting a podcast with live videos , and and launched a daily news source that quickly grew in readership to over 300,000 visitors a month.

Kaitlyn Litten

Sport Performance Manager (Epee & Saber)

Prior to working with USA Fencing, Litten served as the sports director for the YMCA of Metro North in Peabody MA. She earned a bachelor's degree in exercise science and a master's degree in sports management.

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Event Withdrawl
If you are looking to withdraw from a national event.
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Regional Events
For questions about regional events, including the sanctioning process, bidding for events or anything else.
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For questions about becoming a referee, taking the online exam, or getting in touch with a Certified Referee Observer or Certified Referee Instructor.
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Finance Department
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To report a concern to USA Fencing and/or the U.S. Center for SafeSport, follow the options on this page or contact Christina Pachuta, Senior Manager of Compliance and Athlete Safety.
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