



**REQUEST FOR ENTRY IN WORLD CUP & DESIGNATED CADET
"B" COMPETITION(S) 2004-2005 Season**

The USFA Office must be notified in writing of withdrawal at least 10 days prior to the competition.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE # _____ FAX _____
(Area Code) (Area Code)

E-mail address(es): _____

PASSPORT # _____ EXP DATE _____

Mail, do not send by fax, the picture page of your passport with the first entry request of the season. SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR FIE LICENSE BEFORE OR WITH ENTRY FOR FIRST INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION.

A fee is paid AT each "A" competition in Euros - 20 Euros for Senior "A" and 10 Euros for Junior "A", approximately \$25 and \$12, respectively. Senior "A" individual Grand Prix require payment of 60 approximately \$72Euros and for Team "A" 400 Euros approximately \$500.

SEE REVERSE FOR MORE DETAILS. THERE IS AN ENTRY DEADLINE FOR EACH 'A' & CADET "B".
A DIFFERENT ENTRY FORM IS REQUIRED FOR "A" COMPETITIONS IN THE U.S. OR CANADA

LIST THE COMPETITIONS FOR WHICH YOU WISH TO BE CONSIDERED.

DATES OF COMPETITION	S = Senior J = Junior C = Cadet	WEAPON	CITY	COUNTRY
1.				
2.				
3.				
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5.				
6.				

ELIGIBILITY – A Fencer will be considered for entry in European "A" IF

Senior "A"		Junior "A"	
Top 16 [1-16]	on Senior point standings	Top 16 [1-16]	on Junior rolling point standings up to Dec 13
	on Senior point standings	(Top 24 [1-24] for sabre)	on Junior team point standings after Dec 13
Top 8 [1-8]	on Junior rolling point standings up to Dec 13	Top 12 [1-12]	on Cadet rolling point standings up to Dec 13
	on Junior team point standings after Dec 13		on Cadet team point standings after Dec 13
		Top 16 [1-16]	on Cadet standings for 12 to Designated Cdt

FIE rules require that athletes must be 13 years or older on January 1 of the season (2005) to compete in Junior or Senior "A" competitions and to participate in World Championships.

The High Performance Committee (HPC) may grant exceptions on who may enter an "A" competition for a fencer with established international credentials, providing that such application is filed at least 60 days prior to the World Cup. The National Weapon Coach may recommend to the HPC that an exception be made for an up and coming fencer.

ENTRY REQUIREMENT

Fencers who wish to enter one or more "A" competitions must file this Request to Enter an 'A' form with the USFA International Programs staff by the entry deadline given in the "A" schedule in Appendix A of the Athlete Handbook and published on the web site. **Generally** the entry deadline for an "A" competition is 35 days prior to the competition. **For any "A" held in a country requiring a visa the entry deadline can be 45 days prior to the first day of the tournament.**

Athletes must have a current FIE license, issued each season and be a current competitive member of the USFA. The FIE License fee for the 2004-2005 season is \$35, payable to the USFA, so it can order the License from the FIE. This fee must be paid with the first "Request to Enter an 'A'" using the *FIE License Request Form*. The USFA office will send a letter verifying that the person's FIE License is paid and current to use until the License is received from the FIE. An additional benefit of the FIE License is a subscription to the FIE magazine, issued three times a year.

ENTRY LIMITATIONS

The FIE has placed a limit of eight fencers which each country can enter in an "A" competition, both Junior and Senior. There are two exceptions to this rule: (1) a country is allowed additional fencers equal to the number of its fencers in the top 32 in the FIE standings at the end of the most recent World Cup season; (see Appendix A of the Athlete Handbook or list of designated "A" competitions attached for the quota for each weapon) and (2) exceptions may be made for World Cup competitions held outside of Europe.

When a country is the host of a World Cup, a greater number of fencers can enter. That practice is generally followed for "A" competitions held outside of Europe. Thus, U.S. fencers can enter the Senior "A" competitions and the Junior "A" competitions held in the United States using a separate and specific USFA entry form. Similarly, there is a separate entry form for the Montreal Senior "A" competitions, and the Montreal Junior 6-weapon "A".

Alternates are listed in the order in which they will be accepted for the "A" IF any fencer accepted for the "A" informs the USFA that he or she will not be able to attend the competition. Alternates will be notified when there are withdrawals. If an alternate decides to travel to the "A" in anticipation of fencing, *the alternate does so at his or her own risk*. The USFA will be explicit in submitting the entries to the organizer of an "A" of who is permitted to compete and who are the ones who may compete if any of those entered do not show at the competition. The USFA will award points for results of those duly entered by the USFA. Points will not be awarded to any fencer who is allowed by the organizer to compete even though there are the maximum number of fencers allowed by the FIE present at the "A". Fencers who compete who exceed the number allowed will not be considered for any international points or funding, and may be required to pay any fines imposed on the USFA by the FIE or the organizer of the competition.

ENTRY PROTOCOL

At "A" competitions outside of the United States, fencers must pay a fee AT the "A" competition of 20 Euros - the equivalent of (approximately \$25) for a Senior "A" and 10 Euros (approximately \$12) for a Junior "A". Senior "A" Grand Prix "A" events are approximately 60 Euros (approximately \$72) and Team "A" competitions require payment at the competition of \$400 Euros (approximately \$500).

The National point standings at the entry deadline will determine entry priority. No athlete can displace another athlete if the entry application arrives after the deadline. Permanent residents of the United States will be allowed to enter if the appropriate documentation on application for citizenship status has been filed with the USFA National Office.

U.S. fencers must be entered by the USFA to compete in a World Cup. Any U.S. athlete who competes in a World Cup without being entered by the USFA will not be awarded points for which the athlete might have been eligible and will be responsible for any financial penalties imposed on the USFA by the FIE if the presence of that fencer created a need for a referee.

PENALTIES

A country that enters five to nine fencers must provide one referee, more than nine fencers, two referees. Since time and travel must be arranged for referees, entries must be received by the time specified.

An athlete who submits an entry for an "A" less than 21 days prior to the competition **MUST PAY** the USFA \$150 late fee **IMMEDIATELY**. Such fee must be paid from the athlete's personal funds and not from the individual's USFA training funds.

An athlete must notify the USFA Office in writing of withdrawal from an "A" competition. If notification is received less than ten days prior to the competition or if an athlete is a "NO SHOW" at an "A" without prior notification, the athlete will be assessed a \$700 fine and will not be allowed to enter any other "A" competition until that fine is paid. This fee will cover the fines that will be imposed upon the USFA by the FIE for "NO SHOW" fencers at competitions. This fee must be paid from the athlete's personal funds and not from the athlete's USFA account. Because "A NO SHOW" can make the difference in the need for one or more referees at a cost of \$1,100 - \$1,600 per referee, further fines may be imposed upon the athlete.