

RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF
BORDER TEXAS DIVISION, INC.

These Rules and Regulations supplement the Operations Manual and Fencing Rules of the U.S.F.A., Inc. Both are available for viewing and/or download at www.usfencing.org.

1. There are no membership dues that are required to be paid in order to be a member of the Division, other than the dues paid to be a member of the U.S.F.A., Inc. In accordance with the policies of the U.S.F.A., Inc., a percentage of the dues paid to the U.S.F.A., Inc. by a member of the Division, are paid to the Division.
2. In the Division, the Bout Committee assumes the responsibilities of the Tournament Committee.
3. The Bout Committee Chairperson and Bout Committee members are appointed annually by the Executive Committee.
4. The Bout Committee of the Division is responsible for managing all Division Tournaments as listed on the Fencing Calendar.
5. Each year, prior to the beginning of the fencing season (and not later than mid-August), the Bout Committee will set the Border Texas Division, Inc.'s Fencing Calendar (the "Fencing Calendar" or "Calendar"). The Calendar will include all Division Tournaments. The proposed Calendar will first be submitted to all members of the Executive Committee for input, suggested changes, and final approval. The Calendar will then be published on the Division website and otherwise made available to all Division and El Paso area fencers. Once the Calendar is published, any changes regarding location, registration times, dates, and events included, require 48 hours notice to all prospective participants. The Bout Committee is responsible for notifying the Head Coach of each Division club, the Division Webmaster, and each independent Division fencer for the changes. For all Division Tournaments:
 - (a) All competitions will be held at the El Paso Fencing Center;
 - (b) U.S.F.A., Inc. membership is required for all participants;
 - (c) U.S.F.A., Inc. rules, regulations, and policies apply;
 - (d) Registration for all events close at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise noted on the Calendar;

(e) The decision whether to charge a \$5.00 late registration fee is left to the discretion of the Bout Committee; and,

(f) The Executive Committee reserves the right to make changes in the Calendar.

6. The registration fees for all Division Tournaments are as follows: \$12.00 for Open and Unclassified events, \$10.00 for Youth events, and an additional \$5.00 for each additional event that some participant registers for. Of the fee paid to register for each Open and Youth event, \$5.00 will be paid to the El Paso Fencing Center as floor fee, \$3.00 will be paid to the Division, and the remainder of all collected fees is divided between the participating clubs (for their work in running the tournament), according to their percentage of fencers participating in the competition.

7. Each club within the Division may request that a Club Tournament be scheduled and placed on the Calendar at any time on the condition that it does not conflict with a tournament scheduled on the Calendar. At least one member of the Executive Committee must be present at such tournaments.

8. Division Sponsorship, or financial assistance, may be requested for any Club Tournament.

9. Division Sanctioning or participation in an overseer capacity, for the sole purpose of ensuring compliance with all U.S.F.A., Inc. rules and requirements as outlined in the Operations Manual of the U.S.F.A., Inc., may be requested for any Club Tournament. A request that a Club Tournament be sanctioned or overseen must be submitted to the Chairman of the Executive Committee a reasonable period of time prior to the scheduled Club Tournament. For all Division sanctioned or overseen Club Tournaments, all participants must be current members of the U.S.F.A., Inc. Division Sanctioning or participation in an overseer capacity will be nullified in the event that any Club fails to comply with this requirement. A sanctioning fee of \$10 per Club Tournament will be charged and collected by the Division.

10. At all Division organized tournaments, medals will be given for the first three places, provided there are at least six participants in the event. If less than six fencers participate, medals will be awarded for first only, or first and second in the case of the participation of five fencers.

11. For all Division Tournaments, third place will be decided by a "fence off." Any fencer may forfeit his/her tie for third place to avoid the "fence off."

12. The Division Champions will be decided at the Qualification Competitions for Summer National Championships. A Division Championship event must include six or more fencers, and the 1st place qualifier in Division II, Y-14, and Cadet in male and female categories for each weapon will be named a Division Champion for that year. A medal or trophy will be given to each Division Champion.

13. In addition to being named Division Champion, the 1st place qualifiers in male and female categories of Division II, Youth-14, and Cadet competitions for each

weapon will receive stipends to help with the expense of their trips to the Summer National Championships. In order to qualify for the stipend, the fencer must win by defeating no less than five other fencers in their category, i.e., the category must contain a minimum of six fencers. The stipend is set at \$70. A fencer will only receive one stipend, even if he or she wins more than one category. The maximum Division expense for these awards will be \$500 annually. A fencer must attend Summer National Championships in order to collect the stipend.

14. Fencers of the Year will be awarded on points accrued in open, unclassified, and youth events for the entire fencing season for each weapon. A fencer may be named Fencer of the Year in more than one weapon. Trophies will be awarded to the winners.

15. The Division Webmaster is a non-paid, volunteer position. The website is hosted by a web server for an annual fee. Any Division club may have an attached site for a minimal annual fee paid to web server that hosts the Division website.

16. The Division will strive to comply with the U.S.F.A. Inc. guidelines regarding referee ratings.

These Rules and Regulations are adopted by the Executive Committee of Border Texas Division, Inc., (the "Division") in accordance with the power and authority to do so as set forth in Article III, Sections 11, 12, and 13 and Article V, Section 1 of the By-Laws of the Division. These Rules and Regulation may be amended from time to time by the Executive Committee as permitted by the By-Laws of the Division. In accordance with Article III, Section 11 and Article VIII, Section 1 of the By-Laws of the Division, Border Texas Division, Inc. will abide by all rules published in the most current versions of the United States Fencing Association, Inc.,'s ("U.S.F.A., Inc.") Operations Manual and Fencing Rules. These Rules and Regulations supplement the Operations Manual and Fencing Rules of the U.S.F.A., Inc.

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