

**XYZ DIVISION- USFA**  
**Articles of organization**

**Name of the Organization**

The name of this organization is XYZ Division of the United States Fencing Association.

**Organization of the XYZ Division**

The XYZ Division is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The XYZ Division is an organization dedicated to holding fencing tournaments, developing referees and in general, supporting fencing in the State of **(your state here)** and the **(your area- county, cities, etc. if your division is one of several in a given state)** area.

**Officers**

The officers in the XYZ Division should be 4 but may be less in the event that some positions are unable to be filled. These officers are: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer.

**Compliance with BY-Laws**

The XYZ Division will comply with all by-laws of the XYZ Division as well as those of the United States Fencing Association.

**Distribution**

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers, directors or other persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered to the organization and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. The organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a organization exempt from Federal income tax under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended or the corresponding provision of any future Federal Internal Revenue tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**Dissolution of the XYZ Division-USFA**

Upon the dissolution of the XYZ Division organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government or to a state or local government for a public purpose.

**Officers**

The name and address in the State of **(your state here)** of this organization's initial agent for service of process is \_\_\_\_\_.

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Signature of Officer

Date