



Division Officer Minutes
USA Fencing Division Resource Team
July 2018 Summer Nationals/2 Meetings
St. Louis, MO

Divisions Represented:

Illinois
Inland Empire
Georgia
Louisville
Western PA
Tennessee
Minnesota
St. Louis
Indiana
Metro NY
Texas (two Divisions)

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Discussion began with information the Division Resource Team has compiled on the USA Fencing website (www.usafencing.org, click on the top tab "Membership" then on "Division Resources" on the right side of the page). The Division Operating Guide, Division Standards, Forms and other documents are available on the website as well as post meeting notes.

The tournament sanctioning process was also a topic for the groups. Some suggestions for this process were holding a tournament meeting and inviting organizers/clubs to participate; make sure the tournaments that have been held annually are selected first then place the remainder of the tournament; perhaps having a maximum number of tournaments each club can host would be helpful; have everyone agree to the process.

Division revenue generating ideas were discussed. Some suggestions were holding a Division Championship; create a Division Cup or Circuit with other Divisions; add team events; introduce a perpetual trophy/creative medals or trophies that are unique to a particular tournament; bid on regional tournaments; introduce Division patches for athletes to accumulate; collaborate with high schools or colleges to host tournaments

Referee development as also discussed and this is an ongoing issue for Divisions as there are not enough rated referees in many locations. The Referee Commission is a resource for finding qualified referees to provide training seminars, testing and observation.

Division Officer and Financial Reports should be submitted to the National Office so that Divisions can receive their rebates. In addition, make sure you have clear financial guidelines that you follow to protect the Division.