

USA Fencing neither recommends nor encourages local tournament organizers to charge admission fees to spectators. Most local tournaments have very few spectators. Instead, what they typically attract are the family members of the fencers in attendance at the tournament. These family members have already paid for their fencer to be there — through tournament fees, transportation costs, lodging and more — and should not be asked to pay again.

Moreover, USA Fencing no longer charges spectator fees at our national tournaments, meaning we stand behind the practice of local tournament organizers following suit.

If your division, club or tournament remains interested in charging fees for spectators, please contact Sarah Ross, Member Services Manager at [s.ross@usafencing.org](mailto:s.ross@usafencing.org).