



# NJ DIVISION

*of the United States Fencing Association*

## ***Congratulations to all of our National Finalists!***

Division I-A Men's Saber  
Division I-A Women's Saber

1. Crompton, Adam C
2. Wozniak, Dagmara
- 3.T Phillips, Lauren

Division II Men's Épée  
Division II Men's Foil  
Division II Women's Foil  
Division II Women's Saber

- 3.T Overk, Tyler S
2. Mannino, Raphael T
7. Remmert, Jenna M
1. Wozniak, Dagmara

Division III Men's Épée

1. Garrett, Brian
- 3.T Overk, Tyler S
2. Cappetta, Emil
5. Herbert, Kenneth F
2. Losonczy, Magda S
6. Zgaljic, Ivana

Division III Men's Saber

Division III Women's Foil  
Division III Women's Saber

Under-16 Women's Épée  
Under-16 Women's Saber

2. Henderson, Danielle A
1. Wozniak, Dagmara
8. Bartoszewicz, Ann

Under-19 Men's Épée  
Under-19 Men's Saber  
Under-19 Women's Saber

7. Sherrill, Teddy R
2. Crompton, Adam C
2. Baratta, Emma L
8. Phillips, Lauren

Veteran 40/49 Women's Foil

8. Berardi, Gladys B

Veteran 50/59 Men's Foil

5. Mayer, Richard
8. Gonzalez, Reinaldo

Youth-10 Men's Saber  
Youth-10 Women's Saber

1. Bak, Adrian
1. Rudnicki, Marie H
5. Stepien, Marta A
8. Daukszewicz, Nicole

Youth-12 Women's Saber

- 3.T Vloka, Caroline N
5. Wieczorek, Martyna E
8. Aksamit, Monica

Youth-14 Women's Saber

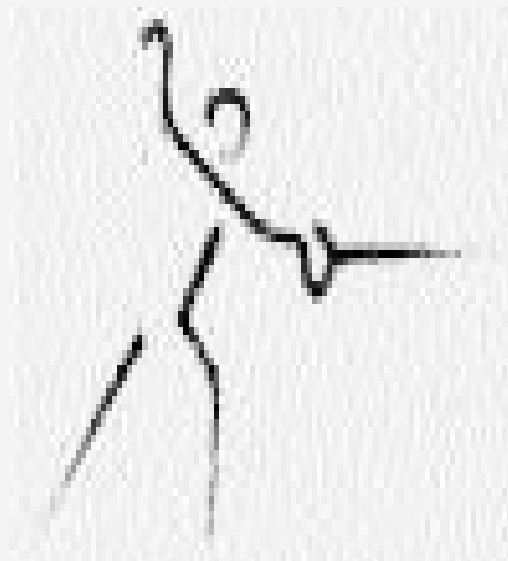
- 3.T Sitek, Zuzanna
5. Wozniak, Dagmara

U19 Team Women's Saber

- 2nd Lilov Fencing Academy (C. Frey, L. Phillips, A. Wieronski, K. Wieronski)

Open Team Women's Saber

- 2nd Lilov Fencing Academy (L. Riesback, A. Wieronski, K. Wieronski, A. Bartoszewicz)



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Hi, and welcome to the 2002-2003 fencing season. It seems as though things do really come full circle. It was some 20 years ago I became active administratively in the division, last serving as chair about 17 years ago. I'd like to disprove "You can't teach an old dog new tricks." While I took 1986-93 to do the real life "thing" a lot changed. An entirely new "Summer National's evolved, new clubs had sprouted up and there was this new weapon called women's sabre and it was electric! As I have come back to serve in the division I realize the more things change, the more they change. It is a truism that the only thing constant is change.

The is the way I envision the NJ Division, ever changing, not just for change sake, but for the better, remembering the past, enjoying the present, and brightening the future. As for the past, I'd like to thank Bob Largman the outgoing Chair for his leadership last season. Let me not forget all the volunteers and their hard work.

The present, I will enjoy working with this year's officers including new old timer Roger Cummings in the Vice Chair Seat. Roger has served the in division in some capacity (fencer to administrator) during the last 40 years. Our present executive committee is made up of seasoned veterans as well as "new blood." They have already served the division well by voting for new and exciting "things" to strengthen the division and give back to its members.

Which brings me to the future. I don't have a crystal ball or such, but I do see some great things happening in the Division. Such as a summer national championship, a larger membership base, more rated refs, a central fencing center for tournaments, fencers and coaches, incentives for our Jr. Olympians and Division Cup winners, more people stepping forward to volunteer and help lead. A division of the members, by the members, for the members! Alright I can't help borrowing phrases. In order to lead one must also know how to serve, that is what I have done and will continue to do. I can think of no other division I would be prouder to serve then the one that has given me so much over the past 25 years. I along with the other officers and committees will do our best to have each member be able to say the same thing.

This season looks so bright I have to wear shades!! I hope you will join in my enthusiasm as we work together to make this best season ever!

***Gladys***

### **2002-2003 NJ Division USFA Executive Board**

- \* **Gladys Berardi, Chair**
- \* **Roger Cummings, Vice Chair**
- \* **Pat Lawrence, Secretary / Tournament Committee Chair**
- \* **Tom Boutsikaris, Treasurer**
- \* **Carol Donohue, Newsletter Editor / Executive Board**
- \* **Molly James, NJ High School President / Executive Board**
- \* **Sabina Orsi, College Representative / Executive Board**
- \* **Steve Caputo, Executive Board**
- \* **Larry Remaly, Executive Board**
- \* **Richard Rudnicki, Executive Board**
- \* **Ann Weider-Strauss, Executive Board**

## RULE CHANGES AUG 1, 2002

- 1.The regulation time for each bout in both pools and team matches is three minutes.
- 2.An immediate warning (1st group) will be given against the competitor whose blade is bent more than the rules allow (1 cm for épée, 2 cm for foil, 4 cm for saber) at the moment the fencer indicates that she or he is ready to fence.
- 3.Falling is no longer an offense and consequently is no longer penalized. (It is understood that an offensive action that is launched in such a way that the fencer is not in control, and thereby falls, is disorderly fencing and does require a warning and the annulling of any touch scored.)
- 4.In pools and during the first and second periods of a direct elimination bout, if the fencers show themselves obviously unwilling to fight, the referee will call "Halt!" and warn the fencers; should they continue to be unwilling to fight, the referee will call "Halt!" In a direct elimination bout, the fencers will go straight into the next period of fencing, without the minute break and without the possibility of consulting with their coaches. Should they be unwilling to fight during the third period of fencing in a direct elimination bout or in a pool bout, the referee will call "Halt!" and the fencers will start a final minute of fencing preceded by drawing lots to decide the winner should the score be equal at the end of the minute.
- 5.During team events, if adequate space is available, the organizer shall reserve a zone for the team members. Only the team captain and one additional person (coach, medical, et cetera) have the right to stay with the team fencers inside this zone. The team zone must be well delimited, with a line on the floor or some other system. If possible, it should be sufficiently sized to seat six people and be located at each end of, and separate from, the strip zone. During team matches, the members of the team must remain within the zone reserved for their team.
- 6.During team events, no member of either team may enter inside the limits of the strip zone without the permission of the referee. Should such an offense occur, the referee will apply the penalty provided for by articles t.114, t.116, and t.120 against the team at fault. The warning will be awarded against the team, and will be valid for all the bouts of the match. Each time any fencer commits another offense of the 1st group, in the same match, the referee is to penalize the fencer at fault with a red card.
- 7.Direct elimination bouts are for 15 touches, or end when three periods of three minutes, with a one-minute period of rest between each period, have passed. In saber only, the first period will end either when the three minutes have passed or when the score of one of the fencers has reached eight.
- 8.Crossing a lateral boundary without having passed one's opponent with one foot or both feet results in the command "Halt!" and the opponent advances one meter from where she or he was at the "Halt!"
- 9.A touch scored by the fencer who has crossed the lateral boundary of the strip with one foot remains valid, if the action was launched before the "Halt!"
- 10.If one of the fencers is off the strip with both feet, that fencer may not score. Only a hit made by the fencer who remains on the strip with at least one foot is counted, even in the case of a double touch, if the action by the fencer who is on the strip was started before the "Halt!"
- 11.The surface area for advertising is increased to 75 cm<sup>2</sup> per logo (four logos, in total 300 cm<sup>2</sup>); allowable area is extended to the collar of the fencing suit. A diagram will be provided showing the authorized locations and dimensions.
- 12.The life cycle of five years for the use of FIE blades is canceled, provided that the manufacturer has conducted periodic controls.

## New Jersey Division Representatives to the USFA National Congress

The following members of the New Jersey Division will become the NJD's representation at the USFA National Congress:

Carol Sakowitz  
Joe Byrnes  
Mike Connelly  
Ted Li  
Steve Sobel  
Michelle Struck  
Austin Young  
Irwin Bernstein

Alternates:

Rob Black  
Paolo Damiani  
Sabina Orsi  
Irena Petsche  
Mario Rivera  
Richard Rudnicki  
Maureen Zampella

## Rating Information for National Competitions

You now have to have a "C" rating or higher in order to be eligible for National Senior competitions.

We have structured our competitions this season to provide opportunities to boost your rating to help in your seeding in National Div II/III competitions in which you can earn your "C" and entry into the Division I Senior ranks.

In addition to our Open competitions, we are holding Div II competitions for those rated "C" or under. Following each competition, we will be holding "E" and under marathons -- as long as fencers are willing to stay and compete, we will run these competitions. The importance of these competitions is the experience you will gain in learning how to win all your bouts in a pool -- doing so is instrumental in your progress as a fencer.

# The New Jersey Division 2002-2003 Competition Schedule

9/15 3-weapon mixed team event - 9:00AM

9/22 Senior Olympics

9/27 Friday Night Open Series - WE (Lilov - Union) - 7:00 PM

9/29 Fall Festival of Fencing - Open and Div II - Women and Men Foil (Santelli)

10/18 Friday Night Open Series - MF (Lilov - Union) - 7:00 PM

10/20 Fall Festival of Fencing - Open and Div II - Women and Men Epee (Santelli)

10/27 Fall Festival of Fencing - Open and Div II - Women and Men Sabre (Santelli)

11/10 Div II (C-and-under) and Under-16 - Women and Men Foil (Santelli)

11/17 Div II (C-and-under) and Under-16 - Women and Men Sabre (Santelli)

11/22 Friday Night Open Series - WS (Lilov - Union) - 7:00 PM

11/24 Div II (C-and-under) and Under-16 - Women and Men Epee (Santelli)

12/15 Under-20 JO Qualifier (TBD)

1/5 Under-17 JO Qualifier (TBD)

1/10 Friday Night Open Series - WF (Lilov - Union) - 7:00 PM

1/25 Denise O'Connor Youth Tournament (TBD)

1/26 Denise O'Connor High School Tournament (TBD)

2/1 Division II/III Qualifier - M,W Foil & W Sabre (Teaneck HS)

2/2 Division II/III Qualifier - M,W Epee & M Sabre (Teaneck HS)

2/9 Under-19 Team Qualifier (Santelli)

2/23 Open Team Qualifier (Santelli)

2/28 Friday Night Open Series - ME (Lilov - Union) - 7:00 PM

3/2 Under-19 Qualifier (TBD)

3/22 Division Championships and Mid-Atlantic Qualifier - M,W Foil & W Sabre (Teaneck HS)

3/23 Division Championships and Mid-Atlantic Qualifier - M,W Epee & M Sabre (Teaneck HS)

4/5 Youth -10-12-14-16 Qualifier (Atlantic Club hosting at Conover Road School)

4/12 Under-19 Sectional (TBD)

4/13 Under-19 Sectional (TBD)

5/3 Mid-Atlantic Sectionals (TBD)

5/4 Mid-Atlantic Sectionals (TBD)

5/10 Referee Clinic (Teaneck HS)

5/17 Hayfever Open (Atlantic Fencing Club hosting at Conover Road School)

5/18 Hayfever Open (Atlantic Fencing Club hosting at Conover Road School)

7/19 Garden State Games Age Group Events (Stevens)

7/20 Garden State Games Open Events (Stevens)

## NOTES FOR THE COMPETITION SCHEDULE:

Check the website for the latest competition information (any modifications to the schedule will be posted to the website).

Division sponsored competitions will be held at Santelli, Teaneck High School and Lilov's Union Club this season.

High School and Youth Special Event competitions will be held at the venues specified on the pre-registration form -- Venues are not finalized at this point in time, so check the website schedule. An updated pre-registration form will also be available when venues have been finalized. Close of check-in will be specified on the schedule for each event.

Check with the clubs for the club sponsored competition.

For tiered competitions (those having a main event and a lower classification event), the start times are Women at 9 am; Men at 10 am; second event at 12 pm (or conclusion of main event, which ever is later). Event fee will be \$20 for the day, with no restriction on the number of competitions you may enter.

For 3 weapon event competition, the start times are 1st event 9 am 2nd event 11 am and 3rd event 2pm. Fee: \$20 per event.

## ***Calling all Referees.....***

We need you! Especially for the High School and Youth Special Events. We are currently compiling a list, so if you would like to referee, go to the referee page on the website. All scheduling of referees will be done via the website. The USFA is implementing a new requirement that all referees for Division and Sectional qualifying events be rated.

If you would like to begin refereeing, or find out how to obtain your rating, contact Carol (ca.donohue@verizon.net) to find out about the Division referee training and development. Remember, by refereeing you (or your parent, if they referee) will be entitled to a waiver of the competition entry fee.

## **New to Fencing?**

**Go to [http://www.njfencing.org/forms/New\\_to\\_fencing.html](http://www.njfencing.org/forms/New_to_fencing.html) -- it will answer many of the questions you may have, and provides information about competitions in the NJ Division.**

New Jersey Division member clubs may sponsor competitions that are sanctioned by the NJ Division of the USFA. NJUSFA is the sole agent in NJ to sponsor competitions that are sanctioned by the USFA within the NJ Division boundaries. This includes qualifying competitions to Sectional and National events and competitions, as well as those competitions that result in classifications to fencers. In order for a NJUSFA member club to host an event sanctioned by the NJUSFA, the following requirements must be met:

- \* Must be a NJUSFA member and USFA member club.
- \* Must attend a Meet Manager's Clinic on Sept. 15 at 1:00PM at Santelli.
- \* Events must be held in USFA recognized formats.
- \* Regulation strips must be used.
- \* \$5 of each entry fee must be submitted to the Division.
- \* Results of the competition must be submitted to the Division. The Division will provide a packet of information which the Club must fill out and return.
- \* Clubs are responsible for obtaining third party insurance certificates, which must be forwarded to the division chairman prior to the day of the event.
- \* A Club member certified in First Aid and CPR must be in attendance.
- \* NJUSFA will assign a representative to attend the event to ensure compliance.
- \* Failure to meet all requirements will result in meet results being invalidated.

## Division Tournament Fee Structure 2002 - 2003

High School Special Events:	Registration Fee \$20	Each Event	\$20
Youth Special Events:	Registration Fee \$10	Each Event	\$10

Families with multiple children fencing are only required to remit 1 registration fee. Registration fee for Automatic qualifiers will be waived.

Late fees are applicable on those entries that are not postmarked at least 7 calendar days prior to the event. Late entries are required to remit DOUBLE the fee. Entries at the door will be accepted, with late entry penalty and an at the door \$20 penalty.

All other NJD events Entry Fee \$20 per event. There will be no additional charge for the lower classified events after the main event on those events in which there are tiered competitions.

## NEW JERSEY DIVISION CUP WINNERS 2001-2002

<b>Anthony J. Orsi--Women's Foil--EnGarde!</b>	<b><i>Darlene Shellhouse</i></b>
<b>Father Evasio DeMarcellis--Women's Epee--St Paul's Fencing</b>	<b><i>Holly Buechel</i></b>
<b>Al Sully &amp; Dr. James Flynn--Women's Sabre--EnGarde!</b>	<b><i>Gladys Berardi</i></b>
<b>Art Blumert--Men's Foil--Glenn and Rich Pantel</b>	<b><i>Jesse Schibilia</i></b>
<b>Stanley Sieja/Michel Sebastiani--Men's Epee--Friends of Princeton Fencing</b>	<b><i>Christian Rivera</i></b>
<b>Al Kwartler--Men's Sabre--Jeff Savit</b>	<b><i>Eric Kirberger</i></b>

***~ ~ ~ Congrats to all the winners! ~ ~ ~***

The NJ DIVISION CUPS were incorporated into the 1996-97 season schedule. For the past six years fencers ranging in age from 15 to 50 have come out to win one, sometimes two of the Cups. So come on out this year and take one home yourself! Cups will be presented at the Division's Annual Meeting at the Garden State Games in July.

This year's (2002-03) Cups will be presented to the fencers who accumulate the most points from the best 3 out of 4 of the following Division Open events:

- Fall Festival of Fencing**
- Monthly Friday Night Open Series**
- Division Championship/Mid-Atlantic Qualifiers (1-1/2 points)**
- Hayfever Open**

Each NJ Division fencer placing in the top 16 earns points starting with 100 for first decreasing by 5 down to 25 for 16th. The NJ Division championships will count for points and 1/2, meaning the winner would receive 150 points decreasing to 37 -1/2 for 16th. So come on out the take home a seventh edition of the NJ DIVISION CUP.

## 2002-2003 New Jersey Division USFA Pre-Registration Form

This form should be used for the following events only:

12/15	JO Under-20 Qualifiers	TBD
1/5	JO Under-17 Qualifiers	TBD
1/25	Denise O'Connor Youth Tournament	TBD
1/26	Denise O'Connor High School Tournament	TBD
3/2	Under -19 Qualifier	TBD
4/5	Youth Div. Chmp & 10-12-14-16 Qualifier	Atlantic Club

### Instructions:

Pre-registrations must be postmarked 7 days before the event or DOUBLE the fee will apply. You must present yourself to the registration desk on the day of the event by the time of close of check-in. Check-in opens 1/2 hour before the close of check-in time specified on the schedule.

**HIGH SCHOOL SPECIAL EVENTS:** Registration fee is \$20; each event is \$20. **LATE FEES:** If your entry is late, DOUBLE the fee. **YOUTH SPECIAL EVENTS:** Registration fee is \$10; each event is \$10. **LATE FEES:** If your entry is late, DOUBLE the fee. Registration fee for additional siblings will be waived -- please indicate the siblings by name in the field provided.

**AUTOMATIC QUALIFIERS:** If you are an automatic qualifier, your registration fee will be waived. Please specify on this form in the field provided that you are an automatic qualifier.

**IMPORTANT:** Please use a separate form for each event entered. Mail this form with payment to:

Pat Lawrence  
1091 Anna Street  
Teaneck, NJ 07666  
ATTN: NJ DIVISION ENTRY FORM

Checks should be made payable to NJUSFA; do not enclose cash. The returned check fee is \$25. We do not accept credit cards. Cash or checks will be accepted at the door.. At the door entries will be subject to the DOUBLE the fee late entry plus a \$20 at the door fee.

For each event that you enter, please use the abbreviations MF, ME, MS, WF, WE, WS to fill out the Event Description field. You need to use a separate entry form for each weapon you intend to fence.

You must be a current USFA member to compete. If you are not, you may join at the door, **providing that your parents are present if you are under 18 years of age.** USFA membership forms are available from the USFA website, as well as the NJ Division website (njfencing.org). To join in advance, you should fax your membership to USFA headquarters, with credit card payment, at least 5 days prior to the event, and bring your requested fax-backed or e-mailed acknowledgment from the USFA with you to the competition. If you are unable to provide proof of USFA membership at the registration desk, you will be required to complete another USFA membership application.

You will not receive a confirmation notice of this entry unless you enclose a self-addressed stamped postcard.

Requests for refunds must be postmarked 2 days before the date of the event.

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ USFA Number \_\_\_\_\_

Club/High School \_\_\_\_\_

Event date \_\_\_\_\_ Event Description \_\_\_\_\_ Classification \_\_\_\_\_

Automatic Qualifier \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings (list names, if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

# Bulletin Board

**Interested in refereeing?** Visit the referee page on NJFENCING.ORG to find out about the referee training and development programs in the New Jersey Division

**NJ Division group e-mail lists** - if you would like to join the referee or armorers group e-mail list, send an e-mail to [ca.donohue@verizon.net](mailto:ca.donohue@verizon.net)



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