



# The Jersey Fencer

## USFA Changes in Effect

This year the USFA has mandated some important administrative changes for all the member divisions. Please read this section carefully as it affects all Junior Fencers, those under the age of 18. Over 80% of the New Jersey division members fall into this category.

As in the past, all fencers must be members of the USFA before being allowed to fence in any event sponsored by a USFA division or a National Event (NAC). Clubs, especially those that are members of the USFA, should also require advance membership. This is not a change, simply a restatement of what has always been a policy.

The USFA national office, however, will be checking more closely the results of the qualifying events—Under 17's, Under 19's, Under 20's. This means that the Division has to be vigilant in insuring that all fencers are members. We risk jeopardizing our tournament results if non-members fence.

In the past, we have had a great number of fencers join at some of the early large qualifiers—particularly the U-17's and U-20's. This has put a burden on the on-site staff and sometimes allowed errors to slip by.

This year the USFA has further tightened its policy. Again this is not a change, simply a stricter enforcement of the policy. Specifically, the USFA is requiring that the parental consent form be signed before an under-age fencer can participate. In the past, coaches or unrelated adults sometimes signed this form since parents were not present. This will not be allowed this year. If the parental signature is not filled in, the student CANNOT

fence. Parents, this means that you should fill out the enclosed application in advance or else be present at the tournament. Otherwise your son or daughter will not be allowed to fence. And if you already are a member, please make sure to bring your membership card or other proof of membership.

Even if you join in advance, the USFA is extremely slow in sending membership cards out. The best way to ensure a membership receipt is to fax your membership to the USFA. The fax number is shown at the bottom of the membership card. Enclose a cover sheet with a fax return number and they will fax back a 30-day temporary membership card that you can show at the event.

So, here is the summary:

- Join the USFA now, if you have not already. Fax your form in for best service.
- Bring either your membership card or the temporary receipt to all tournaments as proof of membership. If you don't you may be asked to join again.
- If you are joining the USFA at the door and are under 18, make sure your parents sign the parental consent section. We've enclosed a form or you can download one from the USFA's web site, [www.usfencing.org](http://www.usfencing.org).

As a member organization of the USFA we will be strictly enforcing the policy this year.

Thanks for your cooperation.

### Remember to Pre-Register for these Events

12-19-1999  
01-09-2000  
01-30-2000  
03-05-2000

U20 Qualifier  
U17 Qualifier  
O'Connor HS Open  
U19 Natl Qualifier

Mt. Olive HS  
Hackettstown HS  
Christian Brothers Acad.  
West Morris Central HS



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## Where are they now?

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### EVER WONDER WHERE LAST YEAR'S SR.'S DECIDED TO GO COLLEGE?

Erin Black	Wayne Hills	Duke
Ron Pack	Pingry	Duke
Anna Maninno	North Hunterdon	Columbia
Monica Conley	Columbia	Columbia
Elizabeth Caputo	Montgomery	Princeton
Liza Boutsikaris	MKA	Notre Dame
Matt Fabricant	St. Benedicts	Notre Dame
Stacey Wertlieb	MKA	U of Penn
Christina Verrigan	Ramapo	U of Penn
Allison Brennon	West Morris	Rutgers
Kathy Moffett	West Morris	Rutgers
Shanil Viterana	Millburn	Rutgers
Mike Brosterman	Millburn	Princeton
Sarah Sanborne	Millburn	Bryn Mahr
Rebecca Rendell	Millburn	Harvard
Scott Silver	Millburn	Harvard
David Wollenberg	Millburn	Harvard
Jegan Rajeswaran	Millburn	U of Michigan

I'm sure there are more fencers out there that we missed! Anyone knowing others please e-mail Gladys Berardi at [aorsi@excite.com](mailto:aorsi@excite.com) and we'll get them in the next newsletter!