# Bylaws of the Virginia Division



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**DIVISION** 

Fall/Winter

2003 Schedule Amended: May 20, 2000

Fencing Venues

**ARTICLE I** 

Additional Tournament Information

The United States Fencing Association Virginia Division ("the Division") shall operate under the Fencing Rules for Competitions as adopted by the United States Fencing Association ("USFA") and all subsequent modifications of these rules as officially adopted by the USFA or official interpretations of these rules as issued by the relevant commission of the USFA as well as the USFA Operations Manual as officially adopted by the USFA.

Tournament Results

**ARTICLE II** 

**Points** Standings

Tournament Photos

2002-2003

Executive

Board

Virginia's Clubs & Neighbors The Division shall have the following officers:

- Chairman
- Vice-Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Divisional Executive Committee Members
- Representatives to the USFA's Board of Directors, or other organ for divisional representation, as prescribed by the Bylaws of the USFA.

Division Champions

**Bylaws** 

Et Cetera

Chesapeake Challenge

## **ARTICLE III**

- A. The Division shall have one general meeting each year, which shall be held in conjunction with the divisional championships. The Chairman of the Division may call additional general meetings as necessary.
- B. A quorum for general meetings of the Division shall consist of ten members of the Division, representing at least three different clubs.
- C. The agenda of the divisional meetings shall be:
  - 1. Reading of minutes
  - 2. Reports of:
    - a. Chairman
    - b. Vice-Chairman

- c. Secretary/Treasurer
- d. Other Divisional Officers, committee chairmen, and administrative assistants (when appropriate)
- 3. Proposed amendments to the By-Laws
- 4. Election of officers (when appropriate)
- 5. Unfinished business
- 6. New business
- D. A meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held after each of the USFA divisional meetings.
- E. Officers for the coming year shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Virginia Division.

# **ARTICLE IV**

- A. The Virginia Division Executive Committee shall consist of the following voting members:
  - 1. Chairman
  - 2. Vice-Chairman
  - 3. Secretary
  - 4. Treasurer
  - 5. Three Divisional Executive Committee Members-at-Large
- B. Each voting member shall have one vote and in the event of a tie vote, the issue shall be decided by the Division Chairman. In the event of extenuating circumstances, the Vice-Chairman shall assume all the duties and privileges of the Chairman.
- C. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be the following:
  - 1. Certification of the classifications of fencers and of directors for divisional level ratings.
  - 2. Organizing and running tournaments in the Virginia Division.
  - 3. Assisting in the organizing and directing of fencing in the Virginia Division.
  - 4. Any other activities designated by the chairman as appropriate.
- D. A quorum of the Executive Committee shall be a majority of the voting members.
- E. Nominations for officers may be made in person at the annual general meeting, or by letter of intent from a candidate and a seconding person, and/or by a nominating committee of the division, established by the Executive Committee. All nominations will be published in the Newsletter if received by the Editor on or about January 1. Elections shall be held by secret ballot unless an open ballot is unanimously agreed upon. Elections of officers shall be made by vote in person or by written proxy.

# **ARTICLE V**

The Divisional Representatives on the Sectional Executive Committee shall be the Divisional Chairman and one other divisional executive committee member, who shall be designated by the chairman.

## **ARTICLE VI**

The Chairman shall be empowered to appoint other committees, officers (non-voting), and administrative assistants as needed to assist in the running of the division.

#### ARTICLE VII

- A. The Bout Committee shall consist of all members of the Executive Committee present at the competition, and any additional people the Executive Committee appoints.
- B. At least one member of the Executive Committee shall be present at each competition sanctioned by the Division.

## ARTICLE VIII

- A. Votes on issues of divisional concern arising between divisional meetings may be held by the chairman by telephone or mail ballot.
- B. The result of all such votes must be reported at the next general meeting and approved by the division at the meeting if the issue has not become moot.

### **ARTICLE IX**

The Divisional Championships shall be CLOSED unless specified otherwise in a general meeting. The qualifiers to the National Championships shall be the same as the Championships, provided it is in conformity with the requirements of the USFA.

# **ARTICLE X**

Amendments to the By-Laws of the Virginia Division shall require a 2/3 majority vote of a general meeting for approval.

#### **ARTICLE XI**

The adoption of these By-Laws by a 2/3 majority vote of the division at a general meeting shall be considered as superseding and repealing all other By-Laws or other resolutions previously adopted by the Virginia Division.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark C. Orton,:Secretary/Treasurer

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