



Committee Charter Tournament

Committee Purpose

The Tournament Committee (TC) oversees USA Fencing's domestic tournament structure to promote the participation and development of domestic fencing at all levels:

- The TC coordinates regional and national calendars and ensures that qualification paths to national tournaments result in championship entry numbers that are within the capacity of our personnel and equipment resources. The TC works with National Office staff to develop appropriate standards and procedures for tournament operations. The TC solicits input from relevant committees and other entities (e.g., FOC, YDC, Veterans, Wheelchair, Divisions & Sections, etc.) to develop and recommend appropriate event combinations and calendars in partnership with the National Office.
- The TC maintains a list of Bout Committee volunteers qualified to staff national tournaments, and assigns a Bout Committee chair and additional Bout Committee personnel to conduct the competitions at North American Cup and Championship tournaments. The TC develops recruiting and development standards and materials for Bout Committee personnel, including a Bout Committee website.
- The TC develops procedures and policies for National Office staff to resolve routine complaints and protests from local and regional tournaments, including championship qualifiers, and discusses and rules on situations that cannot be resolved by such established procedures. The TC draws on persons from the TC, national and regional BC staff volunteers, an FOC representative, and a representative of the Divisions & Sections Resource Group.
- The TC's Tournament Formats Subcommittee maintains a list of approved tournament formats, gives provisional approval for testing of new tournament formats, and when appropriate, adds new formats to the approved list.

Committee Composition

Appointed by the President and BOD