



USA Fencing Division Officer Meeting Salt Lake City, UT

The USA Fencing Division Resource Team and various National Office Staff, met with various Division Officers during the 2017 SLC National Championship & July Challenge. Below are the notes from those meetings.

The group discussed the legal status of Divisions (not for profit vs. incorporation). Most in attendance were non-profit entities. We talked about the importance of having an [EIN number](#) and how to apply for this number. The IRS is requiring that third party registration providers send a 1099 to those using their service. Division Officer/financial reports and rebates were also highlighted as these are due soon.

Below are some additional topics the group mentioned:

- The Referee Requirement – beginning August 1, 2017, all *sanctioned* tournament are required to have a rated referee; for a Division Qualifier, a level 5 or higher referee is needed
- The Referee Commission website has a list of [active referees](#)
- Several Divisions hold referee seminars to get their members trained
- Some Divisions have a sanctioning/program fee which builds revenue for the Division and allows them to subsidize the referee seminars and associated fees
- USA Fencing should develop a matching program to assist Divisions with the costs to hold referee training seminars