

To provide all USA Fencing members (including fencers, coaches, parents, administrators and officials) with quality service, USA Fencing must collect, process, and use its members' personal information. At the same time, we want to protect the personal information you provide to us. To underscore USA Fencing's commitment to protecting your privacy and the value we place on your relationship with us, USA Fencing has adopted the following privacy principles applicable to our handling of your personal information.

EXPECTATION OF PRIVACY

USA Fencing recognizes and respects your expectation of privacy and security for your personal information and we are committed to safeguard the sensitive information about you within USA Fencing.

USE, COLLECTION, AND RETENTION OF INFORMATION

USA Fencing collects, uses, and retains information about you to help in the development and enhancement of our services; to understand which services will best meet your needs; to provide you with product and service opportunities that we deem interesting or beneficial to you; and to help administer our core business and programs.

CHILDREN'S ONLINE PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT (COPPA)

COPPA, the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, applies to individually identifiable information about a child that is collected online, such as full name, home address, email address, telephone number or any other information that would allow someone to identify or contact the child. The Act and Rule also cover other types of information -- for example, hobbies, interests and information collected through cookies or other types of tracking mechanisms -- when they are tied to individually identifiable information.

At this time, USA Fencing requires parental consent for children under the age of 17 to register or provide other information to USA Fencing through the use of the internet website, www.usafencing.org. If, at any time, USA Fencing policy changes to allow for the collection of information from children under the age of 17, the changes will be notified in this document, and additional information will be provided pursuant to COPPA, in the form of: (a) names and contact information of operators employed by USA Fencing to collect this data; (b) types of information and reasons for USA Fencing to obtain this information from children; (c) procedures by which parents can review a child's personal information.

CHILDREN 17 & UNDER

Please pay close attention to the information outlined in this document. You are required to have your parents understanding and consent before you enter any personally identifiable information into any forms on the USA Fencing website.

PARENTS

Please be sure to read this Use of Member Information and Privacy Policy. USA Fencing requires your consent prior to any child 17 or under entering any personally identifiable information into the USA Fencing website. Please notify USA Fencing immediately if you have any concerns regarding USA Fencing and COPPA. We encourage parents and guardians to spend time online with their children, and to take an active role to protect the privacy of their children, including but not limited to instructing their children not to disclose any personal information over the Internet without your prior permission. For additional information concerning COPPA, parents and guardians are encouraged to visit www.coppa.org.

MAINTAINING ACCURATE INFORMATION

Through our procedures and technology, USA Fencing will strive to maintain information about you that is accurate and complete. We will respond to your requests to correct inaccurate information in a timely manner should the need arise, but we reserve the right to ensure that the request to make changes is coming from you. We encourage you to verify periodically that the information we have about you is current and correct.

LIMITING ACCESS TO INFORMATION

USA Fencing has procedures and security measures that restrict access to and disclosure of personally identifiable information to those individuals in our organization with a sound business reason to access such information. USA Fencing employees are subject to background screening, and are instructed about the importance of confidentiality and privacy of customer information. Further, USA Fencing makes every attempt to educate volunteers and other administrators about important privacy considerations.

SECURITY PROCEDURES TO PROTECT INFORMATION

We maintain security standards and procedures to deter unauthorized access to confidential information about you. We update technology to improve the protection of our information about you and to assure the integrity of our information. You will be notified immediately of any breaches of security that involve any sensitive personal information.

DISCLOSING INFORMATION

We will share your information only with **(1)** reputable reporting agencies; **(2)** when you (the individual) request or acknowledge the disclosure; **(3)** when the disclosure is required, or allowed by law; **(4)** to make available special offers of products and services through USA Fencing, USA Fencing's sponsors, partners, licensees or other fencing organizations as deemed appropriate; and **(5)** when necessary to administer our business, which may include, but is not limited to: *releasing participant contact details to the volunteer administrators and instructors of USA Fencing sanctioned coach, referee and youth education programs*; and *releasing participant contact details to volunteer administrators and coaches of all developmental and age grade national team programs*. USA Fencing will only release the minimum amount necessary for communication. Under no circumstance will USA Fencing release social security numbers. Credit card numbers remain encrypted in the USA Fencing Membership and course registration systems and are not visible to employees through that system, and will never be released to any party.

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES

Any changes to the USA Fencing Use of Information and Privacy Policy will be updated within this posting, and notification provided through the USA Fencing e-newsletter. We recommend that you review the foregoing policy document periodically to become familiar with it and make yourself aware of any changes.

I understand and freely acknowledge, as per detailed explanations, that USA Fencing may process, collect, store, use and edit my personal data for the purpose of managing my membership and keeping and publishing my fencing history.