

Southwest Section Fall Newsletter

Sectional Championships

May 17-18, 2003 College Station, TX

Hosted by the Gulf Coast Division

Referee Development:

The Section is helping 3 organizers to host an FOC Referee Seminar this year. The Seminar will be given at the Sabre Cave, the Pouj, and sometime in Shreveport. Part of the financial aid will be up to \$20 per participant reimbursement from the Section.

There is some news that the FOC will be requiring rated referees attend a yearly Seminar. Here is the current word from the FOC's Bill Oliver:

"Here's the scoop: The FOC passed a requirement at it's last meeting (last year) to require all rated referee to attend the referee seminar.

"There was discussion to the effect that this should be done yearly, and the minutes of the meeting reflect that agreement.

"However, upon further review, it appears that the yearly requirement wasn't part of the motion, and therefore, isn't official. There has been discussion on the FOC that a yearly requirement might be logistically difficult. Some say "So What?" Other sports require yearly certificaion. We should, as well.

"This debate will continue in September's FOC meeting.

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"To be safe, I'd recommend all rated referees attending the next seminar that is available (Can't hurt, especially in light of the new rules and some of the interesting developments in the international front).

"As to having ratings removed, if a referee fails to attend a seminar for two seasons, his or her rating will be removed. That means that if you attended a seminar last fall, you have until the end of this competitive season to attend another (assuming that this yearly requirement is placed into effect.) No "November 1" deadline was specified.

"There will be an official FOC position posted on the FOC web page, as soon as I can get an official position out of the commission! In the meant time, it's not as bad as they say, but it could get worse!

"Confidentially, ... (omitted)

"As soon as Bukantz gets back from Worlds, I'll draft a statement and post it on the FOC web page, to dispell any rumors that are floating about.

"Feel free to circulate this email (except the confidential paragraph above -- I don't want to get into too much more trouble!)

Bill Oliver"

New Rules, effective August 1, 2002 **USFA**

1. The regulation time for each bout in both pools and team matches is three minutes.
2. An immediate warning (1st group) will be given against the competitor whose blade is bent more than the rules allow (1 cm for épée, 2 cm for foil, 4 cm for saber) at the moment the fencer indicates that she or he is ready to fence.
3. Falling is no longer an offense and consequently is no longer penalized. (It is understood that an offensive action that is launched in such a way that the fencer is not in control, and thereby falls, is disorderly fencing and does require a warning and the annulling of any touch scored.)
4. In pools and during the first and second periods of a direct elimination bout, if the fencers show themselves obviously unwilling to fight, the referee will call "Halt!" and warn the fencers; should they continue to be unwilling to fight, the referee will call "Halt!" In a direct elimination bout, the fencers will go straight into the next period of fencing, without the minute break and without the possibility of consulting with their coaches. Should they be unwilling to fight during the third period of fencing in a direct elimination bout or in a pool bout, the referee will call "Halt!" and the fencers will start a final minute of fencing preceded by drawing lots to decide the winner should the score be equal at the end of the minute.
5. During team events, if adequate space is available, the organizer shall reserve a zone for the team members. Only the team captain and one additional person (coach, medical, et cetera) have the right to stay with the team fencers inside this zone. The team zone must be well delimited, with a line on the floor or some other system. If possible, it should be sufficiently sized to seat six people and be located at each end of, and separate from, the strip zone. During team matches, the members of the team must remain within the zone reserved for their team.
6. During team events, no member of either team may enter inside the limits of the strip zone without the permission of the referee. Should such an offense occur, the referee will apply the penalty provided for by articles t.114, t.116, and t.120 against the team at fault. The warning will be awarded against the team, and will be valid for all the bouts of the match. Each time any fencer commits another offense of the 1st group, in the same match, the referee is to penalize the fencer at fault with a red card.
7. Direct elimination bouts are for 15 touches, or end when three periods of three minutes, with a one-minute period of rest between each period, have passed. In saber only, the first period will end either when the three minutes have passed or when the score of one of the fencers has reached eight.
8. Crossing a lateral boundary without having passed one's opponent with one foot or both feet results in the command "Halt!" and the opponent advances one meter from where she or he was at the "Halt!"
9. A touch scored by the fencer who has crossed the lateral boundary of the strip with one foot remains valid, if the action was launched before the "Halt!"
10. If one of the fencers is off the strip with both feet, that fencer may not score. Only a hit made by the fencer who remains on the strip with at least one foot is counted, even in the case of a double touch, if the action by the fencer who is on the strip was started before the "Halt!"
11. The surface area for advertising is increased to 75 cm² per logo (four logos, in total 300 cm²); allowable area is extended to the collar of the fencing suit. A diagram will be provided showing the authorized locations and dimensions.
12. The life cycle of five years for the use of FIE blades is canceled, provided that the manufacturer has conducted periodic controls.

Southwest Section home page is at:
<http://www.southwestfencing.org/>

Southwest Section Circuit Cup home page is at:
<http://www.southwestfencing.org/SSCC/>

Circuit Registration

For the first time, this year you may register for any Southwest Section Circuit Cup tournament online at <http://www.southwestfencing.org/SSCC/>

We cannot accept payment, pay when you check-in. The goals of this effort are: 1) convenience of fencers through faster check-in; 2) aid to organizers through an electronic registration list compatible with the XSeed program; 3) consistent pool seeding and round promotion since this is the same program used by the USFA; and 4) easier, faster, more accurate point accounting for the Circuit.

This is completely voluntary. If the above goals are met, this program will be continued; if not it will be fixed or discontinued. Try it out and let the organizers or your officers know what you think.

Dates	Tournament	Host/Location (Information)
2002		
August		
August 18	Foil Open WWW: < http://www.fenceintexas.org/Business/newbusiness/calendarbusiness.htm > (Jeff Crowe)	FIT
August 24	Fete de Lune Veterans' Tournament WWW: < http://www.clfc.org > (Mauro Hamza)	CLFC
August 30 - 02	Epee Camp WWW: < http://latouchefencing.com > (Jeff Crowe)	La Touché
August 31 - 02	World Veterans Championships WWW: < http://www.USFencing.org/ >	Orlando, FL
September		
September 02	Labor Day	
September 07	Junior Mixed Epee WWW: < http://latouchefencing.com > (Jeff Crowe)	La Touché
September 08	Rising Stars #1 (Beginner Youth Tournament) WWW: < http://www.fenceintexas.org/Business/newbusiness/calendarbusiness.htm > (Jeff Crowe)	FIT
September 13 - 15	PAFA Coaching Seminar Vinnie Bradford	Palo Alto College, San Antonio, TX
September 14 - 15	Fence for the Cure WWW: < http:// > (Scott Harkey)	Shreveport, LA
September 14 - 15	Adelman Memorial (Jeff Crowe)	Baylor Univ
September 15	PAC Mixed Foil Open WWW: < http://www.southtexasdivision.org/ > (Paul Schimmelman)	San Antonio
September 28 - 29	Duel at Dallas email: < bjmmb@aol.com > (Jeff Crowe)	DFC at St. Mark's
September 28	Cadet/Youth Tournament #1 WWW: < http://www.lonestarfencingcenter.com > (Jeff Crowe)	LSFC at Dallas INT'l School
September 28	RRFC Foil Team Event WWW: < http://www.southtexasdivision.org/ > (Paul Schimmelman)	Round Rock
September 28	"E" & Under 3 Weapon (Jonathan Carr)	New Orleans, LA
October		
October 05	Sabre Cave WWW: < http://www.geocities.com/sabrecave > (Jeff Crowe)	La Touché at Elzie Odem RC
October 05 - 06	PAC Three Weapon Mixed WWW: < http://www.southtexasdivision.org/ > (Paul Schimmelman)	San Antonio
October 06	FOC Referee Clinic WWW: < http://www.geocities.com/sabrecave > (Jeff Crowe)	La Touché
October 11 - 14	NAC Division II/III, Cadet WWW: < http://www.USFencing.org/ >	Orlando, FL
October 12 - 13	SWTFS Bobcat Open WWW: < http://www.southtexasdivision.org/ > (Paul Schimmelman)	San Marcos
October 14	Columbus Day	
October 19 - 20	Heavy Metal (David Sierra)	TAMU
October 19 - 20	High School Championships (Jeff Crowe)	St. Mark's School
October 25 - 27	PAFA Coaching Seminar Jerry Benson	Redland Fencing Center, Oklahoma City, OK
October 26	Cadet/Youth Tournament #2 WWW: < http://www.lonestarfencingcenter.com > (Jeff Crowe)	LSFC at Dallas INT'l School
October 26 - 27	STXDiv Hogan Memorial WWW: < http://www.southtexasdivision.org/ > (Paul Schimmelman)	TBA
October 27	Rising Stars #2 (Beginner Youth Tournament) WWW: < http://www.grapevinefencingcenter.com > (Jeff Crowe)	Grapevine TX FC
November		
November 02 - 03	Regional Youth Circuit < http://www.fenceintexas.org/Business/newbusiness/calendarbusiness.htm > (Jeff Crowe, Wendell Kubik)	FIT
November 06 - 07	Wheelchair Zonal Championships email: < Gary van der Wege > (Paul Schimmelman)	Austin, TX
November 08 - 11	NAC Junior and Cadet WWW: < http://www.USFencing.org/ >	TBA

November 08 - 10	Wheelchair World Cup email: <Gary van der Wege > (Paul Schimmelman)	Austin, TX
November 09 - 10	Wilson-Silvia Memorial email: <cetme01@yahoo.com> (Jeff Crowe)	Renaissance Fencing
November 09	UTFC "D & Under" Three Weapon WWW: < http://www.southtexasdivision.org/ > (Paul Schimmelman)	Austin
November 11	Veterans' Day	
November 16 - 17	Longhorn Open (David Sierra)	UT Austin, TX
November 22 - 24	Competitive Fencer Seminar < http://www.fenceintexas.org/Business/newbusiness/calendarbusiness.htm > (Jeff Crowe)	FIT
November 23 - 24	Junior Olympic Qualifiers WWW: < http:// > (Scott Harkey)	Shreveport, LA
November 23 - 24	Texas Youth Championship #1 WWW: < http://latouchefencing.com > (Jeff Crowe)	La Touché
November 23	RRFC Epee Team Event WWW: < http://www.southtexasdivision.org/ > (Paul Schimmelman)	Round Rock
November 23 - 23	Windsor Tournament WWW: < http://fencing.gapelo.com/ >	El Paso, TX
November 23	LA Div JO Qualifiers (Jonathan Carr)	New Orleans, LA
November 24	OK Div JO Qualifiers WWW: < http://home.earthlink.net/~redlandsfencing > (Carolyn Gresham)	Redlands, Oklahoma City, OK
November 28	Thanksgiving Day	
November 30	Cadet/Youth Tournament #3 WWW: < http://www.lonestarfencingcenter.com > (Jeff Crowe)	LSFC at Dallas INT'l School
Nov 30 - Dec 01	Fete de Fleuret (Carolyn Gresham)	AFA, Springdale, AR
December		
December 01	Rising Stars #3 (Beginner Youth Tournament) < http://www.fenceintexas.org/Business/newbusiness/calendarbusiness.htm > (Jeff Crowe)	FIT
December 06 - 08	NAC Division I, Veterans WWW: < http://www.USFencing.org/ >	Columbus, OH
December 07	Texas Youth Championship #2 WWW: < http://latouchefencing.com > (Jeff Crowe)	La Touché
December 07 - 08	STXDIV Junior Olympic Qualifiers WWW: < http://www.southtexasdivision.org/ > (Paul Schimmelman)	TBA
December 13 - 15	PAFA Coaching Seminar Vinnie Bradford	Palo Alto College, San Antonio, TX
December 14 - 15	North Texas Div Junior Olympic Qualifier WWW: < http://www.lonestarfencingcenter.com > (Jeff Crowe)	TBA
December 15	Gulf Coast Div JO Qualifiers email: <mauro@rice.edu> (Mauro Hamza)	Salle Mauro, Houston, TX
December 21	Cadet/Youth Tournament #4 (Jeff Crowe)	LSFC at Dallas INT'l School
December 21	RRFC Saber Team Event WWW: < http://www.southtexasdivision.org/ > (Paul Schimmelman)	Round Rock
December 25	Christmas	
December 27 - 30	Winter Preparatory Training Camp (Foil and Sabre) < http://www.fenceintexas.org/Business/newbusiness/calendarbusiness.htm > (Jeff Crowe)	FIT
December 28 - 30	Winter Camp (Jeff Crowe)	LSFC at Dallas Int'l School
2003		
January		
January 01	New Year's Day	
January 02 - 05	Winter Preparatory Training Camp (3 Weapon) < http://www.fenceintexas.org/Business/newbusiness/calendarbusiness.htm > (Jeff Crowe)	FIT
January 03 - 05	NAC Youth Tournament WWW: < http://www.USFencing.org/ >	Saratoga, NY
January 10 - 12	Competitive Fencer Seminar < http://www.fenceintexas.org/Business/newbusiness/calendarbusiness.htm > (Jeff Crowe)	FIT
January 11 - 12	Rose Condon (David Sierra)	Caddo Magnet
January 14	Deadline for Division Qualifier Reports WWW: < http://www.USFencing.org/ >	

January 17 - 20	NAC Division I/Junior WWW: < http://www.USFencing.org/ >	San Diego, CA
January 20	Martin Luther King Day	
January 23	Entry deadline for JO Champs WWW: < http://www.USFencing.org/ >	
January 24 - 27	PAFA Coaching Seminar Jerry Benson	Redland Fencing Center, Oklahoma City, OK
January 25 - 26	Round Robin Epee Tournament WWW: < http://latouche fencing.com/ > (Jeff Crowe)	La Touché (venue TBA)
January 25	Don't Ask Y Women Tournament (Jonathan Carr)	New Orleans, LA
February		
February 01 - 02	Louisiana State High School Fencing Championship WWW: < http://> (Scott Harkey)	TBA, LA
February 01 - 02	Poujardieu Memorial (Paul Schimmelman)	San Marcos, TX
February 01	Cadet/Youth Tournament #5 (Jeff Crowe)	LSFC at Dallas INT'l School
February 07 - 09	Competitive Fencer Seminar < http://www.fenceintexas.org/Business/newbusiness/calendarbusiness.htm > (Jeff Crowe)	FIT
February 09	Rising Stars #4 (Beginner Youth Tournament) WWW: < http://www.lonestarfencingcenter.com/ > (Jeff Crowe)	Grapevine TX FC
February 14 - 17	Junior Olympics WWW: < http://www.USFencing.org/ >	Colorado Springs, CO
February 15 - 16	UTFC Masters Open WWW: < http://www.southtexasdivision.org/ > (Paul Schimmelman)	Austin
February 17	President's Day	
February 22 - 23	Grand Prix (David Sierra)	Lone Star Fencing Center
February 28 - 02	Competitive Fencer Seminar < http://www.fenceintexas.org/Business/newbusiness/calendarbusiness.htm > (Jeff Crowe)	FIT
March		
March 01 - 02	North Texas Grand Prix, ?? (Jeff Crowe)	LSFC at Dottie Lynn RC-Arlington
March 01	RRFC Beginners Foil WWW: < http://www.southtexasdivision.org/ > (Paul Schimmelman)	Round Rock
March 07 - 09	PAFA Coaching Seminar Vinnie Bradford	Palo Alto College, San Antonio, TX
March 08 - 09	Oz Parsons Memorial (David Sierra)	OSF, Oklahoma City, OK
March 14 - 17	NAC Division II, III, Vet WWW: < http://www.USFencing.org/ >	Arlington, TX
March 22 - 23	Texas Youth Championship #3 WWW: < http://latouche fencing.com/ > (Jeff Crowe)	La Touché
March 22	UTFC "D & Under" WWW: < http://www.southtexasdivision.org/ > (Paul Schimmelman)	Austin
March 29 - 30	Crescent City (David Sierra)	
March 29 - 30	Houston RYC email: < mauro@rice.edu > (Mauro Hamza, Wendell Kubik)	Salle Mauro, Houston, TX
April		
April 04 - 05	ALM division qualifier WWW: < http://> (Scott Harkey)	Texarkana, AR
April 05 - 06	OK Div Summer Nationals Qualifier Randy Hicks (Carolyn Gresham)	Bladesport, Tulsa, OK
April 05 - 06	Gulf Coast Div II/III/Vet/Team Qualifiers email: < mauro@rice.edu > (Mauro Hamza)	Salle Mauro, Houston, TX
April 05 - 06	North Texas Division Qualifier WWW: < http://www.lonestarfencingcenter.com/ > (Jeff Crowe)	TBA
April 05 - 06	STXDiv Nationals Qualifier WWW: < http://www.southtexasdivision.org/ > (Paul Schimmelman)	TBA
April 11 - 13	PAFA Coaching Seminar Jerry Benson	Redland Fencing Center, Oklahoma City, OK
April 12 - 13	Rising Stars #5 (Beginner Youth Tournament) WWW: < http://www.grapevinefencingcenter.com/ > (Jeff Crowe)	Grapevine Tx FC

April 12	"C" and Under Mixed Foil WWW: < http://latouchefencing.com > (Jeff Crowe)	La Touché
April 12	Cadet/Youth Tournament #6 WWW: < http://www.lonestarfencingcenter.com > (Jeff Crowe)	LSFC at Dallas INT'I School
April 18 - 20	Competitive Fencer Seminar < http://www.fenceintexas.org/Business/newbusiness/calendarbusiness.htm > (Jeff Crowe)	FIT
April 20	Easter Sunday	
April 25 - 28	NAC Division I, NAC Youth WWW: < http://www.USFencing.org/ >	TBA
May		
May 03 - 04	DeGall Memorial < http://www.fenceintexas.org/Business/newbusiness/calendarbusiness.htm > (Jeff Crowe)	FIT (venue TBA)
May 10	LSFC Open (all weapons) (Jeff Crowe)	LSFC at Dallas INT'I School
May 10	RRFC Six Weapon Team Event WWW: < http://www.southtexasdivision.org/ > (Paul Schimmelman)	Round Rock
May 11	Mother's Day	
May 16 - 18	PAFA Coaching Seminar Vinnie Bradford	Palo Alto College, San Antonio, TX
May 17 - 18	Sectional Qualifiers (tentative) (Bob Fiegel)	
May 20	Deadline for Qualifier Reports WWW: < http://www.USFencing.org/ >	
May 22	Div I & Summer Nationals entry deadline WWW: < http://www.USFencing.org/ >	
May 31 - 01	USFA RYC WWW: < http://www.southtexasdivision.org/ > (Paul Schimmelman, Wendell Kubik)	San Antonio
June		
June 06 - 08	Competitive Fencer Seminar < http://www.fenceintexas.org/Business/newbusiness/calendarbusiness.htm > (Jeff Crowe)	FIT
June 07	Epee Team Open Mixed WWW: < http://latouchefencing.com > (Jeff Crowe)	La Touché (venue TBA)
June 07 - 22	European Competitive Training Camp < http://www.fenceintexas.org/Business/newbusiness/calendarbusiness.htm > (Jeff Crowe)	FIT at Austin College, Sherman, TX
June 13 - 16	PAFA Coaching Seminar Jerry Benson	Redland Fencing Center, Oklahoma City, OK
June 14 - 15	STXDiv Keogh Memorial WWW: < http://www.southtexasdivision.org/ > (Paul Schimmelman)	TBA
June 15	Father's Day	
June 21 - 24	Texas Fencing Camp I (Jeff Crowe)	LSFC at Dallas INT'I School
June 21 - 22	PAC Inner City Games WWW: < http://www.southtexasdivision.org/ > (Paul Schimmelman)	San Antonio
June 22	Rising Stars #6 (Beginner Youth Tournament) < http://www.fenceintexas.org/Business/newbusiness/calendarbusiness.htm > (Jeff Crowe)	FIT
June 27 - 06	Summer National Championships WWW: < http://www.USFencing.org/ >	Austin, TX
June 27 - 29	Division I National Championships WWW: < http://www.USFencing.org/ >	Austin, TX
July		
July 04	Independence Day	
July 26 - 27	UNgames of Texas < http://www.fenceintexas.org/Business/newbusiness/calendarbusiness.htm > (Jeff Crowe)	FIT
July 19 - 22	Texas Fencing Camp II (Jeff Crowe)	LSFC at Dallas INT'I School