



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FENCING COMMITTEE
AUGUST 6-7, 2025, MEETING**

KEY ITEMS.

1. **Regional allocation formula.** The committee reviewed potential changes to the regional allocation formula. (See Informational Item 6.)
2. **Training partners.** The committee created a training partner policy to be implemented at the finals site. (See Informational Item 5.)
3. **New committee chair.** The committee elected Kelsie Gory Harkey Moss, director of athletics at Cleveland State University, as the new committee chair. (See Informational Item 12.)

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Regional realignment.** The committee discussed regional realignment and decided that change was not appropriate for the coming season. The committee will continue to evaluate potential regional realignment annually.
2. **Regional review.** The committee reviewed regional competition and agreed that each host did a good job hosting each event. The committee will work to confirm 2026 regional competition hosts in the coming months. Minimum regional qualification criteria were reviewed, but ultimately no changes were made.
3. **Regional country flag policy.** The committee reviewed the country flag policy for regional competition and adjusted the language to be more permissive.
4. **Team championship tiebreaker policy.** The committee adjusted the team championship tiebreaker policy to use team bout winning percentage rather than total touches as the first tiebreaker. This change will be reflected in the prechampionships manual.
5. **Training partners.** The committee discussed a USFCA policy regarding training partners for single weapon qualifiers. The committee agreed to implement a training partner policy for any fencers who are the only qualifier in a weapon from their institution. The training partner will be a non-reimbursed credentialed individual, and their credential will only grant them floor access during practice and warm-up.
6. **Regional allocation formula.** The committee had a robust conversation regarding regional allocation formula. Part of this conversation was reviewing a proposal from a number of coaches in the membership. The committee was interested in this particular proposal but had

further questions to have answered prior to fully considering implementation. The committee directed staff to engage with the creators of the proposal to begin these follow-up conversations.

7. **USFCA discussion.** Andy Tulleners from the USFCA joined to discuss proposals from their membership and feedback on a number of hot-button issues.
8. **Championships review.** The committee commended Pennsylvania State University for hosting the 2025 championships and discussed potential areas for improvement in future championships.
9. **Score reporting.** The committee discussed a proposal for a new score reporting system and directed staff to work with the national office IT staff to explore its viability.
10. **Rules.** The committee reviewed current USA Fencing rules modifications and made no changes.
11. **Referee review.** The committee reviewed the referee cadre from the finals site and noted a generally positive performance from the group.
12. **Committee chair.** The committee elected Kelsie Gory Harkey, director of athletics at Cleveland State University, as the new committee chair, effective September 1. Ms. Gory Harkey is entering her final year on the committee and brings a wealth of experience to the chair position. The committee fully supported her appointment to lead the group for the 2025-26 academic year.
13. **Committee administration.** The committee reviewed upcoming vacancies on the national committee.

Committee Chair: Zach Moss, Northwestern University, Big Ten Conference.
Staff Liaison(s): Zach Christopher, Championships and Alliances.

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Attendees:	
Katarzyna Dabrowa, United States Air Force Academy.	
Nick Fellers, University of California, San Diego.	
Bruce Gillman, Vassar College.	
Kelsie Gory-Harkey, Cleveland State University.	
Elinor Hurt, Duke University.	

Zach Moss, Northwestern University.
David Sierra, Wagner College.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
Andy Tulleners, USFCA.
Adam Maczik, Harvard University.
NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:
Zach Christopher, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Ryan Rea, Championships and Alliances.