

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
 CAPITOL DIVISION, USFA  
 14 JULY 2019  
 DC Fencers Club, Silver Spring, MD

**Meeting Attendees:**

Position	Name	Present	Absent
Chairperson	Galen Emanuel	+	
Vice-Chairperson	Arnold Wynn	+	
Treasurer	Rebecca Chimahusky	+	
Secretary	Bettie Graham	+	
Member-at-Large	Valerie Asher	+	
Member-at-Large	Raymond Finkleman	+	
Member-at-Large	Aaron Ruby		+
Club Representative	Chevy Chase Fencing Club-Matthew Moore	+	
Club Representative	DC Fencers Club-Katelyn Keegan		+
Club Representative	Capital Fencing Academy-Nick Ferrara	+	
Club Representative	George Washington University FC-Hunter Higgison	+	
Club Representative	Half Shell/U Maryland FC		+
Club Representative	Nazlymov Fencing –Jill Feldman	+	
Club Representative	Invicta Sports		+
Club Representative	National Capital Fencers Club		+
Club Representative	Royal Fencing Academy—Teja Safai	+	
Club Representative	Royal Imperial Fencing Club		+
Cap Div Member	Galen Emanuel	+	
Cap Div Member	Maggie Brasted	+	

The meeting was opened at 1:40 pm.

The new Chairperson was welcomed.

**Schedule of Division Fencing Events:**

Ray drafted a schedule of Capitol Division USFA events for the 2019-2020 season. The Division sponsors six events. Only one change was made to the proposed schedule and that was to switch the CBO to an earlier date. The approved Capitol Division’s schedule is:

Tom Wright Memorial Veteran Fencing Tournament	September 8, 2019
Jr. Olympic Qualifiers	November 23 and 24, 2019
Youth 12 and Under Tournament	December 8, 2019
Cherry Blossom Open (dependent on UM calendar)	March 28 and 29, 2020
Summer National Qualifiers	February 29 and March 1, 2020
Tune-Up Open	June 20 and 21, 2020

Clubs that wish to have their events sanctioned should contact Ray.

[NOTE RELATED TO THE CHERRY BLOSSOM OPEN: To increase participation, the idea was floated that the CBO should become a ROC. In general, the committee was open to trying to do this for 2021, but was also open to making this a ROC for 2020. It was noted that a ROC does not allow mixed events. Most members did not consider this a major issue since the women's events are becoming more competitive.]

**ACTION:** Nick and Valerie will explore the possibility of having the CBO designated as a ROC and will report back to the Executive Committee. Rebecca, who is on the USFA Resources Committee, will check to see who on that committee approves ROCs.

[Update on the USFA Resources Committee as of 22 July 2019: The information Rebecca received was the general make-up of the ROC board: Regional Coordinators, past organizers, Division Officer and National Office Staff; no specific names were given.]

***Review Fees for Registration and Stipends for Capitol Division Event Officials:***

The following changes were made to the current fee schedule.

Referee Rating	Stipend/Day	Change
1	\$200	
2	\$190	
3	\$180	
4	\$130	
5	\$120	
6-7	\$110	Previously \$105
8-10	\$80	Rating for 10 increased from \$75 to \$80
Unrated	\$50	

Meet Manager: \$125/day; an increase from \$100

Referee "Wrangler": \$50 per competition; no change

The fee schedule for the Cherry Blossom Open is set by the event managers.

***International Competition and Club Development Programs:***

The Division has the funds to continue this program for 2019-2020. The amount of reimbursement will remain the same: \$300 for club development grants and \$400 for international competition grants.

There was a discussion of expanding the grant program to include funds for development of coaches. More information was needed about what kinds of activities would be eligible for such a grant.

**ACTION:** Jill and Matt volunteered to research the issue and provide this information to the Executive Committee for consideration.

***Modifications to the Sanctioning Policy:***

Based on the need to submit rating changes to USFA in a timely fashion, the following modifications were recommended to the Sanctioning Policy:

- Add this sentence to the last paragraph of the Policy:  
All meet managers must report the results of the tournament to be posted on the Capitol Division website within eight calendar days of the tournament's completion.
- Add another paragraph at the end of the Policy:

The Capitol Division reserves the right to impose penalties on any club that fails to submit the classification change and SafeSport reports to the Chairperson of the Sanctioning Committee and the Division Secretary within eight calendar days of the tournament' completion. Application of penalties will be decided by a vote of the Executive Committee.

[Not to be added to the Sanctioning Policy: Penalties discussed include, but are not limited to, warnings, removing the sanctioning of a club's tournament, or restricting the ability of a club to host future sanctioned tournaments.]

### ***Other Business***

A suggestion was made to post information about Division meetings on the Capitol Division's Facebook and the website pages.

[NOTE: Notices of the Annual meetings are already posted on the Capitol Division's website and Face Book.]

The meeting was adjourned at 3:26 pm.