

Basic Guidelines for Hosting Divisional Tournaments

- USFA membership required if the tournament is to be sanctioned, if for no other reason beyond insurance. (You do not want to confront a tort lawyer on this point -- you will lose.)
- Age Guidelines: for Open Competitions, the fencer must be 13 years of age as of January 1 of the fencing season.
- Two rounds or more, never less. For example: 2 rounds of pools or pools with direct elimination (repechage permitted). A single round is not acceptable.
- Post the following: a list of seeded entries prior to start, seeding results after each round, and final results. Allow time for corrections after each posting during the event. It doesn't matter what the amount of time is, as long as it's announced.
- Mask Punch Tests are MANDATORY! This is for the fencer's safety as well as that of the hosts.
- Underarm protectors are MANDATORY! No competition fencing in half-jackets. Tape down front pockets if applicable.
- Armourers are not mandatory but are nice to have.
- Familiarize your bout committee with FencingTime or similar programs as well as the standard procedures and rules of a tournament. These are available through USFA and through other experienced bout committee members in the Division or Section.