



2011 US Fencing Association Athlete Agreement

WHEELCHAIR ATHLETES

This agreement, entered into on (Date) _____ between the United States Fencing Association® (US Fencing) and (Name) _____

herein after referred to as “Fencer”, whose address, phone number, and email are:

(ADDRESS) _____

(PHONE) _____

(EMAIL) _____

is entered into this agreement to accomplish the following goals of USFA and the Fencer:

SHARED MISSION AND GOALS:

US Fencing is a non-profit organization with a mission of achieving sustained success in international Fencing competition and to grow competitive fencing in America.

US Fencing creates and funds programs, teams and events as integral components of the plan implemented for the purpose of achieving this mission.

The Fencer has met the published performance criteria for Fencing’s Team to compete in a Paralympic event.

US Fencing believes the Fencer has excellent fencing skills and athletic ability in a Paralympic fencing event, and is currently able to represent the United States and US Fencing at a highly competitive level in international competition, and ultimately to place among the top three in Paralympic, World and American Championship competitions.

US Fencing expects that the Fencer will participate fully in the outlined and attached program for development, training and competition in their Paralympic weapon events in an effort to qualify for and compete in World Championship and Paralympic Games.

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ATHLETE CONTRACT FOR RECEIPT OF US FENCING PROGRAM SUPPORT AND/OR US FENCING/USOC SPECIAL GRANTS

Eligibility and Criteria Approved for Direct Athlete Support:

1. Fencers who meet the Wheelchair criteria as outlined below may qualify to receive the specified level of support provided they are willing to commit per the outlined guidelines in the 2011 USFA Fencing Athlete Agreement. A fencer's level of support will be adjusted according to the criteria outlined below and/or if he/she does not meet the conditions of the 2011 USFA Athlete Agreement at the review periods listed below (any adjustments to a fencer's level of support will take effect on the first day of the following month, i.e. January 1, May 1 and September 1):
 - a. IWFC International rankings as May 1, 2011
 - b. IWFC International rankings as of August 1, 2011
 - c. IWFC International rankings as of November 1, 2011

2. **For Wheelchair Fencing Individual Competition:**
Fencer's who achieve a top 8 finish in World Cup or World Championships Competition, in official Paralympic Games events and finish among the top 50% of those competing in the event will be awarded \$3000 for each top 3 placement and \$1000 for placing 4th-8th.

3. **For Wheelchair Team Competitions:**
For team's that finish among the top 3 at a World Cup or World Championship Team competition, in official Paralympic Games events and finish among the top 50% of those teams competing in that event, each fencer will receive \$2000; for teams that finish 4th or 5th, each fencer will receive \$1000.

In consideration of receiving any US Fencing/USOC funds, for either program support and/or personal support funding, I intend and agree to:

1. Commit myself to a program of preparation, approved by my coach, the National Coach in my Paralympic weapon discipline and US Fencing with the intent of qualifying for and competing in the next Zonal Championships, World Championships and Paralympic Games;
2. This commitment is contingent upon the kind of funding I am receiving. If I achieve a level of funding according to the criteria outlined above, I recognize that I will be responsible for meeting or exceeding the standards outlined in the following schedules:
 - a. Weekly Schedule (Micro Cycle)

	MINIMUM	
	Required # or Time	Fencer's # or Time
Training Hours	6	
Training Session	3	
Individual Lessons	2	
*Bouts 5 touch/15 touch Winning bouts	18/9 75%	
Hours Working on conditioning (Speed, endurance, flexibility, strength)	2	

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b. Yearly Schedule (Macro Cycle)

	MINIMUM	
	Required #	Fencer's # or time
Competitions (Total Number-wheelchair fencing and integrated events)	6	
*Bouts (Total Number – 5 touches/15 touches)	36/18	
Percentage of winning Bouts in competitions	75%	

*To allow the fencer to easily move from training to competition the outlined tournament event formula should be observed: **6 bouts of 5 touches and 4 bouts of 15 touches.**

*The suggested number of **training bouts per month** is approximately 120 with the above listed formula as a guide.

*The suggested number of **competitive bouts per year** is approximately 72 bouts of 5 touches and approximately 24 bouts of 15 touches.

*Completing these bouts and engaging in competition will allow us to ascertain areas needing improvement and prepare the fencer for the Paralympic Games.

c. National Competitions for 2011 (2 of 3) Expected Results

March 11-13 NAC, Detroit, MI	_____
April 15 – 17 US Wheelchair National Championships, Portland, OR	_____
November 2011, Daytona Beach, FL	_____

d. Required International Competitions in 2011

Compete in 2 of 5 World Cups, Zonal Champs and World Champs

Event	Expected Results
April 1-3 Malaga World Cup	_____
April 29 –May 1 Montreal World Cup	_____
May 20 - 22 Lonato World Cup	_____
July 1 - 3 Warsaw World Cup	_____
August 6 - 12 Rio de Janeiro Zonal Championships	_____
September 9 - 11 Eger World Cup	_____
October 8 – 16 Catania (?) World Championships	_____

National coach may excuse a fencer if FIE ranking is adequate

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e. Qualify for and compete in the 2011 (check as appropriate):

1. _____ Wheelchair World Championships with _____ as expected result in individual competition and _____ Top _____ as expected result in team competition;
2. Commit to participating in required team training camps scheduled by National Coach; minimum participation is 1 per season;
3. Place myself under the guidance of a coach who will oversee and monitor my training and competition program as outlined above;
4. Submit to doping control conducted by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), the Pan American Sports Organization (PASO), the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), the applicable International Federation(s), International Paralympic Committee and/or other authorized testing agencies in accordance with the procedures for these bodies;
5. Sign my acceptance of and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct established by the US Fencing for participating in the events noted above or other events designated for my weapon by the National Coach;
6. Subject myself to withholding of US Fencing program funds, and/or withholding or termination of US Fencing/USOC athlete support funds, if I fail to fully participate in the programs of training and or competition outlined in this agreement or if I violate any condition herein;
7. Agree to the dispute resolution process as identified in the Ted Stevens Amateur Sports Act, the USOC bylaws and US Fencing bylaws;
8. Agree to participate in media activities if compatible with my training and competitive schedule, when requested by US Fencing. Fencer is aware that US Fencing sponsors, suppliers and licensees provide critical support for the Team and, in recognition of this fact, will wear designated US Fencing apparel at all official Team functions and events. Fencer agrees to be filmed and photographed by the official photographer(s) and network(s) of US Fencing under conditions authorized by US Fencing and give event organizers and US Fencing the right to use my name, picture, likeness, and biographical information before, during and after the period of my participation in these activities to promote the activity in which I participate or to promote the success of the team on which I compete; in no event may US Fencing or the event organizers use or authorize the use of my name, picture, likeness, voice and biographical information for the purpose of trade, including any use in a manner that would imply an endorsement of any company, product, or service, without my written permission.



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ATHLETE SIGNATURE

I have read and understand the conditions stated above, and agree to be bound by them for the duration of the 2011 calendar year. I am free and clear of any commitments, obligations or conflicts of interest which would restrict me from entering into an agreement with US Fencing for the duties and time periods contained in this agreement.

Athlete Signature

Date

Parent's or Guardian's Signature (if athlete is a minor)

Date

NATIONAL COACH SIGNATURE

I have reviewed this agreement with the athlete who has signed this document above and agree that fulfillment of the terms of the agreement encompasses all the program requirements and athletic development expectations for this athlete for this season. I will provide all the support and encouragement available to me in assisting this athlete to achieve his or her personal goals and to assist the USFA in achieving its mission of sustained success in international fencing competition.

National Coach

Date

PERSONAL COACH SIGNATURE (If personal coach is different from the national coach)

I have reviewed this agreement with the athlete who has signed this document above and with the National Coach and understand and agree to the conditions of the athlete's participation in the USFA national program encompassed in this agreement.

Personal Coach

Date

NGB SIGNATURE

We have read and understand the terms and conditions of the agreement outlined above and agree to provide all support and encouragement available to us to assist the athlete and the coaches who have signed this agreement to achieve their goals and to promote and build programs to allow each to reach their full potential as Fencers and Fencing Coaches. In the case of any dispute or disagreement on the satisfactory performance of the parties to this agreement, USFA will act as mediator and arbiter to resolve these issues.

NGB High Performance Director or Executive Director

Date