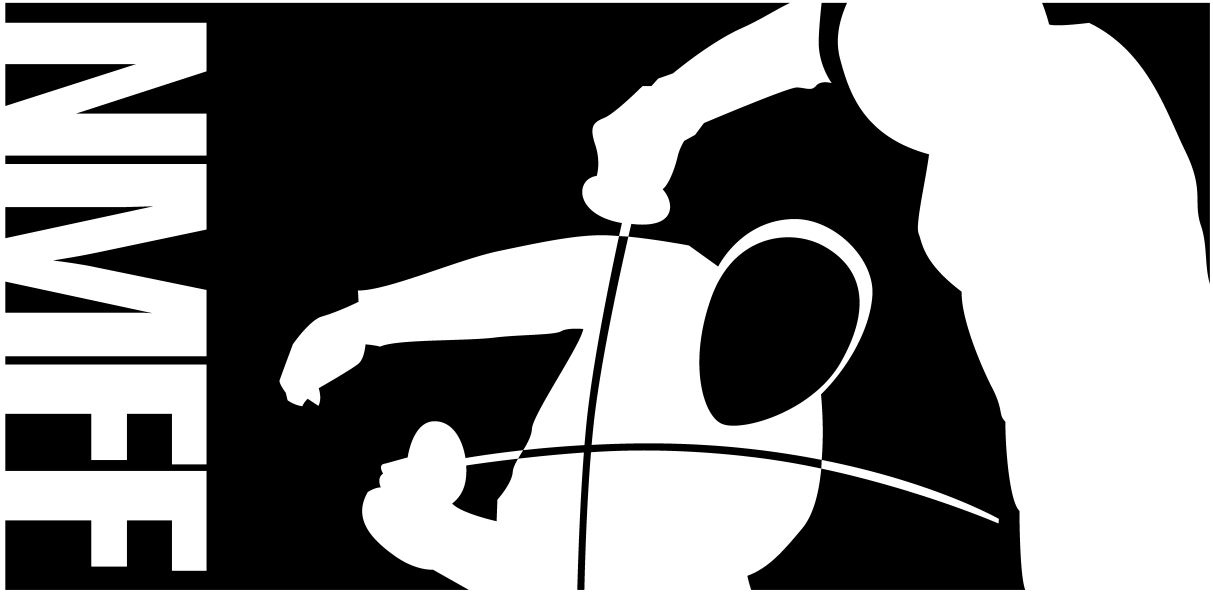


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# ***Members Handbook***

*Handbook and Guide to New Mexico Fencing Foundation*  
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Jamey began fencing in Boulder, CO in 1989 at the age of twenty and trained intensely for four years with Northern Colorado Fencers, coached by Gary Copeland. Copeland is one of the strongest and productive clubs in the country. In other words, Jamey trained at one of the top competitive clubs in the nation under one of the top coaches in the nation.

Jamey created the New Mexico Fencing Foundation in 2003.

Accomplishments;

Education:

B. A. Behavioral Science Metropolitan State College Denver 1999

Coaching:

2009 US Cadet Mens Epee World Championship Team Coach

Placed Gavin Medley & Jake Harbor on the 2009 World Championship Team in Belfast N. Ireland

US Team Coach Bonn GER, Gothenburg SWE, Budapest HUN, World Cup Events

Coached sixty-two students to national medal positions 2001-2016

Certified in all three weapons by the USFA Coaches College

1998-2001 Coach for the England Youth Tour (sanctioned by the USFA)

Referee: - Certified Referee Examiner since 2003

Currently a national rated referee in foil and epee.

Competitive:

1994 National Division II 3<sup>rd</sup> place Men's Epee

2002 NM Championships Men's Foil Champion

Earned an A rating in epee and B in foil

# Section I

## EQUIPMENT, CLASSES AND MEMBERSHIP

### EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

#### **CLUB GEAR AND ELECTRIC RENTAL POLICY – Youth and Adult**

NMFF will offer clothing and gear included with monthly fees. A \$100 Deposit Check (not dated) will be kept on file until the fencer returns the clothes in good order. Any lost or damaged items will be assessed and charged accordingly. This policy allows fencers to keep their items and wash as needed. Fencers keep the gear upstairs so they can dress quickly so there is more fencing instruction and bouting.

Electric equipment including foils, epees and cords require a rental fee of \$20 per month. This equipment is not intended or suitable for competitions.

NON-FENCING items: Shoes – Clean pair must be kept at the club. They may be any non-marking athletic shoe like a volleyball shoe.

Socks – long socks like soccer socks from Big 5 (bonus points for Adidas)

T-shirt – Do not wear long sleeve, sweatshirt, layered, buttons or collars.

Sweat Pants/leggings – Allowed for first session. Shorts or skirts are never permitted.

- **Mask** SKU: MFLN20 \$56
- Most of you can simply order a size S.
- **Mask Cord** SKU: BMPS2 \$8
- **Glove** SKU: G3PS1 \$15
- **Underarm Protector (also called plasteron) Linea Stretch Poly** SKU: UPPS10 \$18
- **Chest Plate** - SKU: UPCP20 \$33
- Must use until they are 10 years old in addition to an Underarm Protector.
- **Children's Jacket - Linea Stretch Poly** SKU: UCPS20 \$56

**Foil:** SKU: FJL27 Base Price \$56 – add \$11 for upgrades

You need 2 for major competitions.

\* Hand: Left or Right

\* Blade Size: 2 for Y10 and under. 5 all ages older

\* Point: German Regular

\* Grip: Uhlmann Visconte Small (add \$5.20)

\* Guard Pad: Any, but I prefer felt

\* Guard: Standard

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\* Socket: Bayonete (add \$5.20)

**Epee: ESM27C \$84.80**

\* Hand: Left or Right

\* Blade Size: 2 for Y10 and under. 5 all ages older

\* Point: German Regular

\* Grip: Uhlmann Visconte Medium (add \$5.20)

\* Guard Pad: Clear Plastic

\* Guard: Standard

\* Socket: Standard

- **Foil BodyCord**— SKU: BCLPB \$27
- **Epee Favero BodyCord** – SKU: BCFA3 \$26
  
- **Children's Pants - Linea Stretch Poly** SKU: UCPS21 \$44
- **Lame (Target Vest)**- SKU: LFJL10 \$56

\*\*\*\*\***Lame sizes must be one larger than their jacket or shirt size.** They do not adjust the Lame size to accommodate the bulk of the jacket and protective gear. If you are a Youth Med, then you will obviously order a Youth Large.

\*Specify Left or Right

\*Name on the back is optional, but I love this option. Get your last name on the Lame if you are confident with your size option. **No Returns.**

\*USA is not usual unless you plan on doing a world cup event.

For **National** tournaments **ONLY** - the fencer's last name must be **legibly printed by hand or machine in dark blue capital letters not more than 10 cm high and positioned:**

- On the back of the uniform between the shoulders; or
- On the front or side of the thigh of the "rear" leg;

**Roll Bag Junior** - SKU: EBLN10 \$72

**THE FENCING POST –**

**thefencingpost.com                      800-459-7207**

**You can also order by email and they will call you for payment info.**

**The Fencing Post <saul@thefencingpost.com>**

**TEAM HOODIE - \$35**

**TEAM JACKET - \$88**

**TEAM PATCH - \$10 & TEAM T-SHIRT - \$10 (in stock at club)**

**<http://order.jammin.com/nmfencing>**

## **Basic Class Instruction:**

### **Youth/Teen Class Instruction**

One Class Per week: \$88 monthly - 4 classes per month.

Multiple Classes per month \$120 monthly - 5+ classes per month

**Competitive Membership:** \$1,200 Annual member fee - 10% Discount if paid in full Thursday night 6pm (Adult) or Saturday 11.30am (Youth) class included. Competitive fencers take at least one lesson per week.

Team travel to tournaments is encouraged. Team Sweats required for travel.

Monthly installments of \$100 must be on Auto Pay.

### **Adult Class Instruction**

Level I-II \$100 for Thursday 6pm Class and open bouting times on Tuesday and Saturdays.

**Young Professionals (19-30) receive 50% off Member fee. Private Lessons are regular price.**

**Private Lessons - \$100 = Four 20-minute lessons or \$70 for 1-hour**

**Family Rate: 20% off family members**

**Lesson Cards are transferable within family**

## **US Fencing Association Membership**

US Fencing Association Membership dues;  
\$10      Non-Competitive (Beginner tournaments)  
\$75      Competitive Individual

- [Register at USFencing.org](http://USFencing.org)

## **Tournaments      Section II**

Divisions, Sections, Regional Youth Circuit and North American Cups (NAC's)

**Each competitive Junior or Adult fencer at NMFF is required to be a member of the United States Fencing Association.** USFA membership is required to enter any sanctioned tournament. You need to register at USFencing.org.

### **ASKFRED.NET NATIONAL DATABASE**

**You will need to register (for free) in the Askfred.net database for most local and regional events. Please log on to askfred.net and get registered.**

**You will need to know the following information:**

- **New Mexico Fencing Foundation - Club**
  - **New Mexico - Division**
- **U (or unclassified) – Weapon Rating**

## **TOURNAMENTS**

### **WHAT IS A BEGINNER/CLUB TOURNAMENT WHAT DO I NEED TO DO IN ORDER TO ENTER**

Beginner or Club events will be your first encounter with a tournament. These tournaments typically have a warm and informal feel to them. Complete USFA Safety gear will be required, but you are allowed to borrow what you need. Rules are explained and penalties are rarely given. Your electric equipment will fail and the borrowed knickers (pants) will feel awkward. I strongly suggest getting knickers before your first event. This is how you learn protocol, event organization, format and rules. \$10 USFA Membership is required. Normally held at NMFF or DCF (Albuquerque). Event Costs typically \$20 per event.

### **WHAT IS A DIVISION OPEN EVENT**

What is a division? Technical answer: Geographical subgroup of fencers in the USFA. We are the **New Mexico Division**. It serves the USFA to have smaller subgroups to manage them. These events have much higher expectations of you and your

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equipment. Normally held at a club or school. You are expected to have full uniform and know rules, format and etiquette.

Practical answer: Division is a fancy way to say “local”- SF Prep, ABQ, Los Alamos  
Event Costs typically \$20 per event.

**At Club and local tournaments, you are expected to arrive at least 60 minutes before the close of check-in.**

WHAT IS A REGIONAL OPEN CIRCUIT (ROC) EVENT

**ROC** is junior/senior event that serves as a qualifying path to summer nationals. Therefore they tend to be well run and filled with top-level competitors. We frequently go in all four directions to El Paso, Amarillo, Denver/Colorado Springs and Phoenix. These events are the best way to fence new people of all ages and skills. Some are one day, but most are two-day events so fencers traveling with the team should expect to sleep in the car and arrive home late Sunday night (9-midnight).

Event Costs typically \$50 per event.



## **NAC'S - WHAT ARE NORTH AMERICAN CUP EVENTS AND THE SUMMER NATIONALS?**

**NAC** events and the **Summer National Championships** are the pinnacle all for competitions. All strips, up to 65 fencing areas, are made of a metallic surface (electrically grounded) and a rated official referees every bout. This is when all vendors show up for you to explore and size fencing equipment. In addition to the expense for physical space, organizers and officials typically need travel (airfare/shuttle), lodging, and per diem paid for by the fencing competitors. You can imagine the costs associated with such an event.

Event Costs are \$80 to enter and \$50 per event.

### REGIONAL and SUPER YOUTH CIRCUITS

**RYC/SYC** events are tournaments in regional area that comprise age group competitions of Y (youth) 10, Y12, and Y14. This means that all competitors are that age or younger. Fencers may compete in the next older age category as well. RYC/SYC events also serve as a qualification path to summer nationals for the 10 and 12 age groups. Y10 Fencers are Auto Qualified by participating in these events. Fencers may travel outside of their region to compete in other regional events.

Event Costs Vary greatly. Entry fees apx. \$100 for a two-day event.

### RJCC CIRCUITS

**RJCC** events are tournaments in regional area that comprise age group competitions of Y14/Cadet (17 under) and Junior (20 under). This means that all competitors are that age or younger. Fencers may compete in the next older age category as well. RJCC events also serve as a qualification path to summer.

Event Costs Vary greatly. Entry fees apx. \$100 for a two-day event.

## **Team Uniform Required for Traveling with NMFF Team**

## **COACHING AND TRAVEL COSTS:**

### **COACHING DUES**

#### Coaching Dues Paid Directly to Coach

- \$20 PER DAY, Local – Santa Fe, ABQ, Los Alamos
- Regional events\* (CO, Amarillo TX, El Paso TX) or
- National (flying) events\* Parents split the cost of Coaches Airfare, ground cost and hotel expenses, and Per Diem. Each tournament will have a per unit cost determined by the number of fencers attending.
- \$200 Transportation fee if Coach uses personal automobile. Please feel free to give them a ride.

### **WHEN TRAVELING WITH NMFF**

#### Ground Transportation Fees are Paid to driver of the car

- \$20 ABQ/Los Alamos
- \$85 Regional Transportation Round Trip

#### Chaperon Fees are Paid to the Chaperon

- \$20 PER NIGHT

## **TRAVELING TOURNAMENTS**

### **THE NIGHT BEFORE THE EVENT**

It is important for your child to get a good night's sleep before the event. Therefore, our curfews and wake-up calls are fairly strict. In addition, if either registration or weapon's check is available the night before, it is important to take advantage of this to save time in the morning. Finally, it is important to also eat a good meal the night before.

### **THE MORNING OF THE EVENT**

Wake-up calls will be set for at least TWO HOURS before the close of registration. Fencers will be at the venue no later than one hour before the close of registration. Immediately upon arrival, fencers should first go to the registration table, in order to check-in for their event, and then go to the weapon's check (if they haven't already), in order to get the required stamps on their equipment. Masks, lames (for foil), and body cords are the items that are usually required for weapon's check, but each tournament is different so the fencer should always check with a coach to make sure.

**Fencers who are late for their events will be scratched - so don't be late.**

## PARENTS ARE A PART OF THE TEAM!

Our philosophy is that we strongly recommended parents to attend any and all traveling events, but it is not required. Please let us know at the time you register your child to compete in the event. That way we can give you all the team travel information. We will also give you the hotel information so you can stay at the same hotel.

### TOOLS AND SPARE PARTS LIST

- Tool Box
- Tip Screwdriver (Jewelers)
- Inside Hex (Allen Wrench)
- Vice grips
- Lock Washers, 5-10
- Needle nose Pliers or Vice grips
- Test Box or Ohm Meter
- Foil/Epee Weight
- Complete Foil Points, 5
- Large Screwdriver
- Outside Hex
- Wire Cutters
- Fine Sandpaper
- Pommel Nuts, 3-5
- Spare Wires
- Shims
- Tip Tape
- Complete Epee Points, 5