



MEDICAL TREATMENT

- Only Applicable Adults (as defined above) who hold a current license or certification as a healthcare provider (MD, DO, DC, certified athletic trainer (ATC)), physical or occupational therapist (PT, OT) or massage therapist (LMT, CMT) may provide medical treatment to USA Fencing members at events or activities conducted or sanctioned by USA Fencing or its divisions or member clubs. “Treatment” includes but is not limited to: manual therapy, therapeutic modalities, splinting, taping, massage and emergency response care.
- Persons who do not meet the licensure and/or certification requirements set forth above shall not, at any time or place, provide Treatment to USA Fencing members, in connection with any competition, club, camp or training activity conducted or sanctioned by USA Fencing or its divisions or member clubs. Organizers of any such competition, club, camp or training activity, including but not limited to owners or managers of USA Fencing member clubs, shall not authorize or knowingly allow Treatments to be given, except in accordance with this Policy.
- At a minimum, individuals receiving Treatment will wear athletic shorts, and females will also wear a bra or top. In all cases, individuals will be appropriately draped during any Treatment.
- It is recommended that all Treatments, with the exception of rubdowns and massage (see below), be conducted in an observable and interruptible public area. When this is not possible at least one individual age 18 or older, in addition to the person administering Treatment, must be present to observe.
- Any massage or rubdown of a minor athlete performed at a facility or a training or competition venue must be conducted in an open and interruptible location and must be performed with at least one other adult present to observe.
- Nothing in this Policy on Medical Treatments shall prohibit minor Treatments of athletes (such as rubdown or application of band-aids) by related persons (such as a family member, coach or teammate) in exigent circumstances (such as to alleviate a muscle cramp, abrasion or blister) in a public setting when a person designated in Section 1 of this Section B is not immediately available. Any such massage must be conducted in an open area in the presence and view of other individuals age 18 or older.



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