

USA Fencing

Referees' Commission

Pod Captain Responsibilities:

1. Your Assigner should call you to let you know that you have been assigned as a Pod Captain and give you a copy of the list of referees assigned to your pod. Use the list to alert your referees that they will be working with you at your assigned pod.
2. Find the referees assigned to your pod and make sure they get to the pod – done as BC Event Manager is organizing the DE scoresheets to the DE table divisions.
3. Have the phone number of the Assigner, the Bout Committee Chair, the Armory and the Referee Coordinator.
4. Pick up the DE table and DE scoresheets from the BC Event Manager when called and move with your pod cadre to your pod.
5. Let Assigner know if any referees haven't reported to your pod.
6. Check in fencers.
7. Assign fencers to strips – see suggestions below.
8. Perform an equipment check on the fencers before assigning them to the next available strip.
9. Ensure that referees are working bouts appropriate to their skill levels.
10. Ensure that all referees in your pod are sent to lunch in a timely fashion (if necessary); all referees (including pod captain should have eaten prior to the end of the section of the DE table assigned (if possible)).
11. Contact your Assigner to adjudicate protests and appeals.
12. Ensure that any medical issues are handled appropriately.
13. Report to Assigner any successes/struggles of the referees.

Requests from the Bout Committee:

1. Call your Assigner before using any strips not assigned to your pod. While we want to keep bouts going as much as possible, strips not in use may be in reserve for another event starting imminently.
2. Within strips assigned to a section of a DE table, as you need fewer strips, first give up any partial pods (i.e., the half-pod in a group of 6 strips), then strips 4, 3, 2, in that order. That way as we need to assign other events as they start, the BC will always know which strips will be free first.

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3. If you're working a big DE table, make sure you know at what round the DE's will be moved to replay pods before you leave the pod. In some cases, some of the round of 8 (or the quarters, at least) may not use replay and will be kept on the original DE strips.

Suggested Method of Assigning Fencers to Strips

Below is one method of the bout assignment process; more efficient variations are encouraged.

1. Call fencers and referees to one strip in your pod.
2. Assign two bouts per strip/referee, the on-strip bout and the on-deck bout. Note on DE table to which strip you have assigned the bout.
3. Tell fencers that if they receive a new scoresheet from the BC Event Manager, bring the slip back to you.
4. Tell everyone where you will be stationed.
5. Take all remaining fencers to an area adjacent to the pod.
6. Call successive bouts, perform an equipment check on the fencers and assign them to the first available strip.
7. Position yourself so can view all strips and you can be seen. If you have additional strips outside the pod, rotate around the strips, but focus on being centered in the main pod.