

Q3 2026 KS Division Fencing Meeting

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

6-7pm

Central Resource Library

Attendees - Committee Members – Samantha Herdman, Tracie Lewis, Grady Robertson, Steve Wildman and New Vice-Chair for outreach and special programs, Jay Johnson

1) Meeting called to order at 604pm by Grady Robertson

2) **Financial Report** - by Steve Wildman)

a. Balance after Referee Clinic Expenses **\$4356.44**

b. Transactions

i. USFA Credits

ii. Stripe

c. Ending balance on 7/31/2026 **\$4490.04**

FOLLOW-UP: Grady to send transaction details to Steve

d. Motion made by Sam Herdman to approve treasurer report. Motion approved.

3) **Old Business**

a. Election Results – Committee Positions 2026-2027 Season

Grady Robertson (HFA) – Chair

Samantha Herdman (FRF) – Vice Chair

Jay Johnson (HFA) – Vice Chair

Tracie Lewis (KCFC) – Secretary

Steve Wildman (KCFC) – Treasurer

*All division committee members memberships are current

Follow-up: Division Officer & Financial Report Form to be filled out and sent to USA Fencing – Due October 31st – Steve to complete.

b. 2025 Armor Clinic

Continued Discussion – Begin moving forward for a Division Hosted Weapon night. Will discuss with club coaches. Tracie to discuss with Kelly Williams at KCFC about hosting an event this fall. As the division/clubs have these events, gauge and track if there is a need to bring an armorer in.

FOLLOW-UP: Email board with results of discussion

c. 2026 Referee Clinic

- i. Continued Discussion – Regarding charging for the clinic. Charge the seminar fee. Offer a refund if complete process and get a rating. Open clinic to all (other divisions) have two prices, One for division members and one for those outside.
- ii. One fencer completed certification from the clinic.

Follow-up: Sam to investigate why not finishing

d. Division Calendar

REMINDER! Add items, reminders and events. Working calendar: Include meetings, tournaments, division payments, division responsibilities, timelines and due dates.

Division Calendar:  [KS Division Planning Calendar.docx](#)

e. “Fencing Open House”

Summary – Jay Johnson proposed to the board that the division support an “open house/ introduction to fencing” for individuals who may be curious about the sport but hesitant or unsure how to proceed.

Open House – Summary/Discussion

- i. Division would provide funds to rent the clubs of the division through the “party” aspect as advertised at each club (facility use fee). Kelly Williams (KCFC) voiced concern due to no “buy-in” from participants. Jay indicated, based on his Tic-Tok there is lots of interest.

Follow-up: Jay to work with Heartland Fencing Academy to host a trial event.

Demo/School Program – Summary/Discussion

- ii. Fencing demonstrations to be held at schools with the end goal being creation of an after-school program. The focus group is underrepresented populations. Jay suggested finding sponsors to help pay for class(es). Sam indicated equipment may be available through donations via individuals who have given pieces to the clubs. School support, requirements, teacher sponsor, liability, and other logistics: equipment, weapons and fees need discussed and worked through.

Follow-up: Jay to continue to gather information work through logistics

4) New Business

a. Event Sanctioning – New Process from USA Fencing

All local and divisional tournaments must be sanctioned through the USA Fencing Event Sanctioning platform.

- Event organizers will upload their results file directly to the approved event sanction.
- Division Officers will receive a notification that results have been submitted.
- Division Officers will review the submission and either approve or deny the results.

- Once approved, the results will be processed by USA Fencing.

To request sanctioning of a local event, navigate to your Manager portal (whether division or club), choose the “Sanctioning” option from the menu on the left, and fill out the details as needed. The division will be notified of the submission via email.

Once the request is submitted, the division will approve or deny the request through the Division Manager portal. Denials will be communicated to the original submitter via email.

5) Standing Business

a. Division – Fund Usage

- See Armor and Referee Clinic
- Camp Stipend – Could the division provide a stipend or funds, in some manner, to a club to supplement bringing in a coach for a camp or a workshop or training/ education for coaches? The event would have to be open for all the Division, posted on ASKFRED. Would need to ask/research. Verbiage from USA fencing implies that division would need to be the host of the camp/clinic. Should division investigate hosting such an event?

b. Division – Community Event

Standing Item – Programs for the division to support camaraderie across clubs as additional ways to use the Divisions funds

*See Old Business, Jay Johnson “Open House”

c. Division – Communications

- REMINDER – the division now has a “portal.” Each board officer can send up to two emails a month.
- 2025 Division Member Survey – No responses. Will resend with new season.
- See Division Calendar

6) Motion made to adjourn by Sam Herdman. Meeting adjourned at 0647pm

7) Reminders

a. KS Division Meeting Q4, November 4th, 2026 @ 0600-0700pm

Central Resource Library, Central Conference Room 13

b. Upcoming Events – Check AskFRED <https://www.askfred.net/>

UCM AFA Fencing Tournament, September 26-27th

[UCM AFA Fencing Tournament | UCM Recreation and Wellness Center | Warrensburg, MO | AskFRED](#)

HFA Halloween Cup! Sunday October 18th, 2026

[HFA Halloween Cup | Heartland Fencing Academy,INC | Overland Park, KS | AskFRED](#)

Mettapalli Challenge, Saturday November 14th

[Mettapalli Challenge | Heartland Fencing Academy,INC | Overland Park, KS | AskFRED](#)

January 2027 North American Cup & Junior Olympics, January 8-11th, 2027, Oklahoma City

[2027 Junior Olympics & January NAC | USA Fencing](#)

c. Division Meetings

KS Division Meeting Q4, November 4th, 2026, Central Resource Library, Conference Room 13

KS Division Meeting Q1, February 3rd, 2027, Central Resource Library,