**Challenge Ladder Rules**

1. A physical challenge will consist of a 5 touch bout.
2. Both fencers must agree upon the choice of referees.
3. There must be a minimum of 2 side judges.
4. All USFA bout rules will apply. (Including time)
5. An intellectual challenge will consist of 3 questions. Only material covered at practice may be used. The challenger must know the correct answers. Challenge will be administered by Coach.
6. If the challenger loses, the fencers retain their ladder positions. If the challenger wins, the two fencers trade positions on the ladder.
7. The loser of a challenge may not challenge the winner until the next practice.
8. The winner of a challenge may not be challenged again until the next practice.
9. You can only challenge the fencer one spot ahead of you or the fencer two spots ahead of you.
10. You can challenge a maximum of two fencers per practice day.
11. If a fencer is absent, only one person may challenge him for that day. The challenger will trade places with the absent fencer.
12. To obtain one of the top three spots, you must challenge in both physical and intellectual challenges.
13. If circumstances require additional rules, Coach will institute new rules.
14. All decisions by Coach are final.