



## USA FENCING TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

**2014 DECEMBER NORTH AMERICAN CUP**

**Dallas, TX: December 5-8, 2014**

**DIVISION I (DV1) / DIVISION II (DV2) / VETERAN (VET) / VETERAN AGE (V)**

You **MUST** confirm your name is on the Confirmed Entrants List for each event that you have entered. It is your responsibility to check the *Confirmed Entrants List* for the status and accuracy of your entry. The *Confirmed Entrants List* is posted on the corresponding tournament web page on the US Fencing website ([www.usfencing.org](http://www.usfencing.org)) under EVENTS. You will need to verify your classification and point standings for each weapon event, as well as club and division information contained in your membership profile. Report any discrepancies to USA Fencing immediately by e-mail ([nationalevents@usfencing.org](mailto:nationalevents@usfencing.org) or [information@usfencing.org](mailto:information@usfencing.org)), by fax (719-325-8998) or by phone at (719-866-4511). The USA Fencing National Office must receive any corrections or changes to the information on the Entrants List by the posted deadline change deadline given below. If you represent a country other than the USA, please indicate this information on your Entry Form.

**All entries must be received by the posted deadlines no later than 11:59:59 PM Pacific Time. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Online registration is available at <https://www.railstation.org/usfencing>, there is a \$5 processing fee; the Entrants List is updated upon completion of the online entry with valid payment. An e-mail receipt will be sent to the e-mail address in your membership profile. **All paper entries will have a \$20 processing fee.** If you registered for the tournament via fax, mail or e-mail, the online system will generate a receipt once your entry has been processed. The e-mail receipt sent back does not guarantee eligibility; only that your entry was received and payment processed. If you do not receive a receipt when you register, contact the USA Fencing National Office to resolve the problem. It takes 5-7 business days to process entries received by mail or fax before appearing on the Entrants List. Please confirm that your name appears on the Entrants List for each event you registered for before leaving for the tournament. If any of your events are missing please contact the USA Fencing National Office immediately.

**USA Fencing Classification Change Forms must be earned and received by the posted classification/seeding deadline. Classification changes received after this date will not be reflected in this NAC.**

**Withdrawals must be received by the posted deadline.** All withdrawals must be received by USA Fencing by the posted withdrawal deadline for a refund of event fees. Event(s) withdraw can be completed through your membership profile under "Competition Schedule" or by email notification to [nationalevents@usfencing.org](mailto:nationalevents@usfencing.org). If via email, please include your name, membership number and the event(s) you are requesting to withdraw. No refunds will be given for withdrawals after the posted withdraw deadline. Refunds are processed 4-6 weeks after the tournament.

**Bring your 2014-2015 USA Fencing Membership Card for event check-in at the venue.** Temporary membership cards can be printed from your membership profile or through the current membership listing at [usfencing.org](http://usfencing.org). USA Fencing also has a Membership App available through iTunes for the iPhone/iPad.

### December NAC Important Dates

Registration Opens  
Regular Fee Entry Deadline  
Triple Fee Entry Deadline (**Online Only**)  
**Withdraw Deadline**  
**Classification Change/Seeding Deadline**

**December 5-8, 2014**

September 29, 2014

October 27, 2014

November 10, 2014

**November 10, 2014**

**November 24, 2014**

**SCHEDULE:**

- Check in times are posted approximately one week after the regular fee entry deadline
- Competitors with events on Friday may be given priority to have their weapons checked from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm on Thursday at the venue IF the set-up for the Tournament has been completed. Weapons check will be open each day of the competition at 7:00 am.
- Competition begins approximately 30-60 minutes after the close of check in, as tournament conditions warrant.
- **Fencers must check in within the indicated hours or they will be withdrawn from the event. Fencers must check in each day they are competing. Fencers may compete in one individual and one team event per day.**
- Check the Preliminary Seeding - When you arrive for your event, please verify the posted seeding information (name, club, division, country, rating, points ranking) before the close of the check-in for your event. If you see any problems, notify the Bout Committee immediately. Changes will **NOT** be made after the close of check-in.

	Men's Epee	Men's Foil	Men's Sabre	Women's Epee	Women's Foil	Women's Sabre
<b>Friday Dec 5</b>	Veteran 12:00-1:00	V40 1:30-2:30 V50 11:00-12:00 V60 12:00-1:00 V70 11:00-12:00	Division I 7:00-8:00	Division II 7:00-8:00	Division I 7:00-8:00	V40 9:00-10:00 V50 1:00-2:00 V60 1:00-2:00 V70 9:00-10:00
<b>Saturday Dec 6</b>	Division I 7:00-8:00	Division II 12:00-1:00	Veteran 7:00-8:00	V40 12:00-1:00 V50 12:00-1:00 V60 12:00-1:00 V70 11:00-12:00	Veteran 7:30-8:30	Division I 10:00-11:00
<b>Sunday Dec 7</b>	V40 8:00-9:00 V50 12:00-1:00 V60 1:00-2:00 V70 12:00-1:00	Veteran 7:00-8:00	Division II 7:00-8:00	Division I 7:00-8:00	Division II 12:00-1:00	Veteran 11:00-12:00
<b>Monday Dec 8</b>	Division II 7:00-8:00	Division I 7:00-8:00	V40 9:00-10:00 V50 11:00-12:00 V60 9:00-10:00 V70 11:00-12:00	Veteran 11:30-12:30	V40 12:00-1:00 V50 10:00-11:00 V60 12:00-1:00 V70 12:30-1:30	Division II 7:00-8:00

**HOTEL:****For All USA Fencing Hotel Reservations:****Contact our Event Housing Partner**

Reservations by Phone: 888-290-3210

[Reservations Online](#)

**VENUE:**

[Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center](#)

650 S. Griffin St.

Dallas, Texas 75202

**AIRLINE RESERVATIONS:**

For a discount on travel arrangements with United Airlines, the Official travel partner of USA Fencing, call the United Airlines Olympic Desk at 800-841-0460 or visit [www.united.com](http://www.united.com) and use the tournament related [PROMO CODE](#)

**GROUND TRANSPORTATION:**

Check the NAC tournament page or airport website for more information.

## **CHECK IN:**

Fencers must check in each day that they compete, within the indicated hour of check in, or they will be withdrawn from that event. **The Venue will open for fencers each competition day at 7:00 am.** Fencers should not plan to leave earlier than the day after their last competition as there is no way to predict when any competition will be finished. Fencers who withdraw after starting a competition for other than medical reasons verified by the USA Fencing training staff will be disqualified from the competition and national points and/or classifications that might have been earned for that competition will not be awarded. Further disciplinary action may be taken.

## **Check the Preliminary Seeding**

Preliminary seeding information for each day's events is normally posted online ([usfencing.org](http://usfencing.org)) the week of the tournament and the evening before in the venue. When you arrive for your event, please verify the posted seeding information (name, club, division, country, rating, points) **before** the close of the check-in for your event. If you see any problems, notify the Bout Committee immediately. Changes will **NOT** be made after the close of check-in.

## **WEAPONS CHECK:**

Weapons check will be open each day of the competition at 7:00 am. Competitors with events on Friday may be given priority to have their weapons checked from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm on Thursday at the venue IF the set-up for the Tournament has been completed. Weapons check will test the mask, lamé jacket or vest, gloves and body cords. Items that have passed inspection will be specially marked. Mask bib must be fixed to the exterior of the grille starting from the reinforcement band onwards and extending as protection for the neck. Masks that do not pass the 12-kg punch test will be impounded or given a visible mark to signify that the mask is “not approved for use” [per FIE rule m.25.7.d].

In **epée**, weapons with French grips must be checked by the armory for bend and length in competitions that serve as selection events (Cadet, Junior, Senior, Veteran Age Groups and Wheelchair).

*In foil, the use of a conductive bib is required in all competitions. Thus weapons check will include testing conductivity of the bib as well as ensure cord connector functionality.*

Equipment vendors will be present at the venue. All events are conducted with electric equipment. Equipment that fails when reporting on the strip for a bout or changing weapon will receive a yellow card. (See t.45 of the U.S. Fencing Rules). Fencers must report to strip immediately after their strip assignments (pool or DE) have been posted. A preliminary check will be conducted to ensure the presence of: underarm plastron, 2<sup>nd</sup> weapon and body cord, weapon check control marks. No fencer will be allowed to fence if these conditions are not met.

## **TECHNICAL INFORMATION:**

Fencers must wear the required clothing: regulation fencing jacket and pants, underarm protector (plastron), knee socks, and a fencing glove that covers half the forearm. Women must wear breast protector. In épée and foil, a full jacket is required (i.e., a jacket with croissard/groin strap). Any attachment to a weapon's handle must fix the hand in one position such that the top of the thumb is no more than 2 cm. from the inner surface of the guard. Warm-up pants are not allowed. Fencing uniforms must not have any rips, tears, holes, etc. USA Fencing allows uniforms of a single pastel color or designs on the rear (unarmed) arm and leg. As the purpose of uniform color or design is for audience interest, such designs should be in good taste.

For safety and insurance purposes, fencers and coaches must wear mask and glove while participating in drills, lessons, warm-up, camps, or clinics. Failure to comply may result in removal from the venue.

In all three weapons, each fencer's last name must be printed, by hand or machine, in capital letters between 8 and 10 cm high so that the name is legible from a distance of 15 feet: either (1) on the back of the uniform jacket or lamé between the shoulders; (2) on the front or side of the thigh of the “rear” leg; or (3) on a piece of fabric or lamé material that is firmly sewn to the uniform in such a way that it will not detach during fencing or catch the opponent's point. Fabric attached to the uniform must be the same color as the part of the uniform to which it is attached. Conductive materials must be attached in such a way as to not alter the conductivity of the metallic vest or jacket. **NAMES PRINTED ON TAPE ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.** (t.45.5 and m.25.3h)

The use of an FIE certified uniform and mask is not required for USA Fencing competitions. However, the protective plastron must:

1. Have at least two layers;
2. Include a sleeve down to the elbow without opening or seam in the region of the armpit; and
3. Ensure the best possible protection. It may be fixed to the jacket without being entirely sewn in.
4. It does not need to be constructed of 800 Newton material.

In electric saber, the glove, whether a regulation saber glove or a glove used with a regulation manchette must overlap the metallic jacket that, itself, must overlap the cloth jacket.

USA Fencing is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items.

**DRUG TESTING:**

There may be drug testing. Any detection of banned substances would be cause for suspension and loss of national points earned for selection towards any USA Fencing team. There are over-the-counter medications that may contain banned substances and it is the fencer's responsibility to ensure that he or she does not inadvertently take any medication that contains a banned substance. For any questions about medications and banned substances, call the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency Drug Hotline at 800-233-0393 or visit their website at <http://www.usantidoping.org>.

**CALL TO FENCING STRIP:**

The second call for a missing fencer at the beginning of a pool or direct elimination bout at a National USA Fencing competition will be announced over the public address system one minute following the first call at the strip. If the fencer fails to report to the referee at the assigned strip within one minute of that second call, the referee will call for the fencer from the strip one final time; if the fencer still fails to report to the strip within one minute after the final call, the fencer will be excluded (a black card will be issued) from that competition. BOD 9/2006

**Eligibility:**

Event	Birth Years:	Classification
Division I (DV1)	2001 or earlier or on the Junior NRPS	A, B, C
Division II (DV2)	2001 or earlier	C, D, E, U
Veteran (VET)	1975 or earlier	N/A
Veteran 40-49 (V40)	1966-1975	N/A
Veteran 50-59 (V50)	1956-1965	N/A
Veteran 60-69 (V60)	1944-1955	N/A
Veteran 70-79 (V70)	1945 or earlier	N/A

**FORMAT: Bouts in the pool round are 5-touch bouts with a 3-minute time limit.**

Event	Bout Format
Division I (DV1) <b>Epee</b>	One round of pools; 75% promoted to direct elimination with repêchage from 32 (if table of 32 is incomplete, no Repêchage). Direct elimination bouts are 15-touch bouts in three 3-minute segments. Points will be awarded for places 33-64 at Senior, Junior and Cadet if there are at least 160 fencers in the competition. These points will be reflected in Senior, Junior and Cadet rolling points only. Please refer to the Athlete Handbook Chapters 6-11 for application of points.
Division I (DV1) <b>Foil &amp; Sabre</b>	One round of pools; 75% promoted to simple direct elimination. The direct elimination bouts will be 15-touch bouts in three 3-minute segments. In saber, there is a 1-minute break when one fencer's score reaches 8 or 3 minutes have lapsed, whichever occurs first. Points will be awarded for places 33-64 at Senior, Junior and Cadet if there are at least 160 fencers in the competition. These points will be reflected in Senior, Junior and Cadet rolling points only. Please refer to the Athlete Handbook Chapters 6-11 for application of points.
Division II (DV2)	One round of pools, 5 and 6 or 6 and 7 persons per pool; 100% promoted to simple direct elimination in which bouts are 15-touch bouts in three 3-minute segments, 1-minute break between segments. In saber, there is a 1-minute break when one fencer's score reaches 8 or 3 minutes have lapsed whichever occurs first.
Veteran (VET) V40 V50 V60 V70	One round of pools of 5 and 6 or 6 and 7 person pools; 100% promoted to simple direct elimination tableau. The direct elimination bouts will be 10-touch bouts with two 3-minute periods and a one-minute break after the first 3-minutes of the bout. In saber, there is a 1-minute break when one fencer's score reaches 5 or 3 minutes have lapsed whichever occurs first. Points are awarded to a maximum place of 64; there is no percentage cut off based on size of field.

**SEEDING:**

Fencers have a responsibility to check seeding posted at the venue for their competition to ensure that the information is accurate. Any discrepancies should be reported to the Bout Committee prior to the close of registration for that competition. No changes will be made after the close of registration. The 2014-2015 Athlete Handbook has detailed information on Seeding. Changes to the National Rolling Point Standings (NRPS) will be used for seeding a domestic point competition if any international results effecting the point standings are submitted or posted on the FIE website at least ten days prior to the first day of the domestic tournament.

NOTE: Classifications achieved during this tournament are effective after the end of the tournament. Such changes are made to fencers' records at the national office.

Division I	<p><u>Seeding Principle 1:</u> Fencers who have a minimum of two top-32 finishes in Senior World Cup, Grand Prix or World Championships will be ranked by their standings on the FIE World Rankings as of 10 days prior to the first day of the NAC Division I tournament.</p> <p><u>Seeding Principle 2:</u> Following the fencers who meet Seeding Principle 1 will be fencers who are on the U.S. Senior Rolling Point Standings. Foreign fencers who do not meet seeding principle 1 will be placed within the national standings according to the point total of their results in NAC competitions counted in the current U.S. Senior Rolling Point Standings. Foreign fencers who have not fenced in any NAC and who do not meet the criteria for principle 1 will be evaluated according to criteria used on determining classifications for foreign fencers.</p> <p><u>Seeding Principle 3:</u> Fencers who are not ranked according to Principle 1 or 2 will be ranked by their classification and year (e.g., those with A13 precede A10; those with B13 precede B10, etc.). Fencers in any one letter and year group will be distributed randomly within that group.</p>
Division II	Classification (A, B, C, D, E, U) by letter and year; random within the same class and year. If a fencer meets the classification requirement when his or her application is processed by the USFA, and subsequently earns a higher classification, the fencer retains eligibility for that tournament.
Veteran	National Veteran Rolling Point Standings, followed by classification (A, B, C, D, E, U) and within each classification by year in which classification last earned. Same class and year are randomized.
V40 V50 V60 V70	National Veteran Age Category Rolling Point Standings, with top 8 ranked ahead of all others, followed by rank within each classification, followed by year within that classification.

**2014-2015 AGE/CLASSIFICATION ELIGIBILITY RULES:**

A. For 2014-2015 Local/National Tournaments & Junior Olympic Fencing Championships (Excluding July Challenge, USA Fencing National Championships & Nationals Qualifying Tournaments through Regions and Divisions)

CATEGORY	DIVISION I	DIVISION II	DIVISION III	WHEELCHAIR	VETERAN (40 & Older) / VETERAN TEAM	VETERAN 40-49	VETERAN 50-59	VETERAN 60-69	VETERAN 70 & Older	JUNIOR / JR TEAM	CADET	YOUTH 14	YOUTH 12	YOUTH 10
CODE	DV1	DV2	DV3	CHR	VET/VTM	V40	V50	V60	V70	JR/JTM	CDT	Y14	Y12	Y10
BIRTH YEARS	Born 2001 or earlier	Born 1975 or earlier	1966-1975	1956-1965	1946-1955	Born 1945 or earlier	1995-2001	1998-2001	2000-2003	2002-2005	2004-2007			
CLASS	A, B, OR C	C, D, E OR U	D, E OR U	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

B. 2015 July Challenge, USA Fencing National Championships & Associated REGIONAL & DIVISION Qualifying Competitions ONLY

CATEGORY	DIVISION I	DIVISION IA	DIVISION II	DIVISION III	WHEELCHAIR	VETERAN / VETERAN TEAM	VETERAN 40-49	VETERAN 50-59	VETERAN 60-69	VETERAN 70 & Older
CODE	DV1	D1A	DV2	DV3	CHR	VET/VTM	V40	V50	V60	V70
BIRTH YEARS	Born 2002 or earlier	Born 2001 or earlier	Born 1975 or earlier	1966-1975	1956-1965	1946-1955	Born 1945 or earlier			
CLASS	A, B, OR C	N/A	C, D, E OR U	D, E OR U	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

CATEGORY	JUNIOR	CADET	YOUTH 14	YOUTH 12	YOUTH 10	JUNIOR TEAM	SENIOR TEAM	VETERAN TEAM
CODE	JR	CDT	Y14	Y12	Y10	JTM	STM	VTM
BIRTH YEARS	1996-2002	1999-2002	2000-2003	2002-2005	2004-2007	1996-2006	Born 2001 or earlier	Born 1975 or earlier
CLASS	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**EXCEPTION TO AGE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (All other qualification criteria remains):**

- Youth 12 – A fencer born after 2005 can fence in Youth 12 IF the fencer is on the National Youth 10 point standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
- Youth 14 – A fencer born after 2003 can fence in Youth 14 IF the fencer is on the National Youth 12 point standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
- Cadet (through JO's) – A fencer born after 2001 can fence in Cadet local and regional competitions, NAC Cadet tournaments and Junior Olympic Cadet Fencing Championships and qualifying tournaments IF the fencer is on the National Youth 14 point standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
- Junior (through JO's) – A fencer born after 2001 can fence in Junior local and regional competitions, NAC Junior and Junior Olympic Junior Fencing Championships and qualifying tournaments IF the fencer is on the National Cadet point standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
- Cadet (After JO's) – A fencer born after 2002 can fence in Cadet competition for the 2015 July Challenge IF the fencer is on the National Youth 14 point standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
- Junior (After JO's) – A fencer born after 2002 can fence in Junior competition for the 2015 July Challenge IF the fencer is on the National Cadet point standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
- Division I, IA, II, III – For all local, regional (including ROC) and national (e.g., NAC) competitions, those born after 2001 must be on the National Junior point standings; for the 2015 National Championships and qualifying competitions for Division I, IA, II, III; those born after 2002 must be on the National Junior point standings.

## NATIONAL EVENTS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

***I am trying to talk with someone in National Events, but I can't get through to a real person.*** The National Events phones are very busy throughout the tournament season. If you have a question, leave a voice message for the individual you are trying to reach or call the main desk at 719-866-4511. If you need an immediate answer, e-mail the question to: [nationalevents@usfencing.org](mailto:nationalevents@usfencing.org). Please do not leave a message at every extension in the office. It only slows the process and creates confusion for everyone.

***When will the check-in times be posted?*** As times are based on registration numbers, check-in times are posted approximately one week after the regular fee entry deadline for NACs and one week after the triple fee deadline for National Championship tournaments.

***What time will the tournament end each day?*** There is no way to determine when the tournament will end each day. If you are competing and plan to leave after your event, make your departure arrangements for the following day. There is a chance if you book your flight for the same day, due to tournament conditions, your competition may not finish in time for you to catch your flight.

***How do I register online?*** We have created a series of [How To documents](#) to assist with the process.

***Why is it better to use the online registration versus sending in a paper entry form?*** With online registration you receive an email receipt and appear on the Entrants List upon completion of a valid transaction. When an entry form is faxed or mailed in we have to process the payment, enter the fencer manually, and the online system generates an e-mail receipt upon completion of the process. Paper entries take 5-7 business days to process. There is an additional \$5 fee for online entries while for paper entries there is an additional \$20 fee.

### ***What are the applicable tournament fees?***

Individual	Registration (non-refundable)	Online Admin Fee (non-refundable)	Paper Entry Admin Fee (non-refundable)	Per Event
Regular	\$ 55.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 85.00
Triple (Online Only)	\$ 165.00	\$ 15.00	N/A	\$ 255.00

Team	Registration (non-refundable)	Online Admin Fee (non-refundable)	Paper Entry Admin Fee (non-refundable)	Per Team Per Event
Regular	N/A	\$ 5.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 125.00
Triple (Online Only)	N/A	\$ 15.00	N/A	\$ 375.00

***I do not know my username or password for Rail Station (online registration site).*** If you are not sure of your username or password please [e-mail](#) so we can send you a username and password or answer any other questions you might have about RailStation.

***Can I renew my membership as part of tournament registration on Rail Station (online registration site)?*** If your membership is not a current competitive membership, you will be required to update your membership for the season through the system as part of your tournament registration.

***What if I am on the appropriate point standings but not within the eligible birth years, can I register for a tournament on Rail Station (online registration site).*** Yes, the current point standings have been imported into your membership profile.

***What is the best way to find out information on tournaments?*** Go to [www.usfencing.org](http://www.usfencing.org) click on the EVENTS tab, National Events, and select the tournament you would like more information on (i.e. November NAC, November NAC, and so on). If your question is not answered there, please email [nationalevents@usfencing.org](mailto:nationalevents@usfencing.org).

***Does this tournament qualify me for a Championship?*** Please see Chapter 2 of the Athlete's Handbook for qualification paths. If your question is not answered there, please email [nationalevents@usfencing.org](mailto:nationalevents@usfencing.org).

***Is Your Membership Profile Up-To-Date?*** During the last quad, the USA Fencing membership database has transitioned through three different systems. During that time, you may have moved, changed clubs, become a permanent resident or changed your e-mail.

During the registration process, we are asking all our members to check their membership profile and verify that the information reflected in their record is current.

In addition, it is suggested that you check the citizenship and representing country fields, be it USA or another country, to ensure that information is correct. If you are a permanent resident, please email your green card number, issue and expiration dates to [information@usfencing.org](mailto:information@usfencing.org).

Need help with logging into the system? [Click here](#).

Things you are able to do online:

- Renew your membership
- Register for National tournaments
- Request entry for International tournaments
- Update your contact information
- View your membership data, competition history & payment activity
- Print your membership card with classifications included
- Create a bio for yourself
- Opt In/Out of e-newsletters and the American Fencing Magazine

Things you will not be able to do - if these fields are out-of-date, please contact the National Office:

- Edit your classifications (classifications can only be updated if received from the tournament organizers)
- Change your club, division, country representation or citizen/permanent resident status

***Why is it important to provide my membership number when emailing the National Office?*** Your membership number is a unique 9-digit number that identifies you and is the number we use to track your entry through the course of a tournament, any changes to classifications and/or points. It distinguishes you from other members who may share your name.

***Why is it important to maintain my profile?*** Your membership profile defines your eligibility to vote and compete in particular events, tournaments and/or championship events. The information (i.e., club, division, classification) in your profile is used for tournament registration and seeding.

## USA FENCING CLASSIFICATION REFERENCE CHART

COMPETITION RATING	MINIMUM NBR COMPETITORS	RATED FENCERS REQUIRED	RATED FENCERS MUST FINISH	CLASSIFICATIONS AWARDED
GROUP E1	<b>6</b>	NONE	N/A	1 → E
GROUP D1 Changed per BOD 7/09	<b>15</b>	4 E's (or higher)	2 E's (or higher) in top 8	1 → D 2-4 → E
GROUP C1	<b>15</b>	2 C's & 2 D's & 2 E's (or higher)	2 C's & 2 D's (or higher) in top 8	1 → C 2-4 → D 5-8 → E
GROUP C2	<b>25</b>	4 D's & 4 E's (or higher)	4 D's (or higher) in top 8	1 → C 2-4 → D 5-8 → E
GROUP C3	<b>64</b>	24 D's & 12 E's (or higher)	4 D's in top 8 & 4 E's (or higher) in top 12	1-4 → C 5-8 → D 9-16 → E
GROUP B1	<b>15</b>	2 B's & 2 C's & 2 D's (or higher)	2 B's & 2 C's (or higher) in top 8	1 → B 2-4 → C 5-6 → D 7-8 → E
GROUP B2	<b>25</b>	2 B's & 2 C's & 2 D's (or higher)	2 B's & 2 C's (or higher) in top 8	1 → B 2-4 → C 5-8 → D 9-12 → E
GROUP B3	<b>64</b>	24 C's & 12 D's (or higher)	4 C's in top 8 & 4 D's (or higher) in top 12	1-4 → B 5-8 → C 9-16 → D 17-32 → E
GROUP A1 Changed per BOD 7/07	<b>15</b>	2 A's & 2 B's & 2 C's (or higher)	2 A's & 2 B's (or higher) in top 8	1 → A 2 → B 3-4 → C 5-6 → D 7-8 → E
GROUP A2	<b>25</b>	2 A's & 2 B's & 2 C's (or higher)	2 A's & 2 B's (or higher) in top 8	1 → A 2-4 → B 5-8 → C 9-10 → D 11-12 → E
GROUP A3	<b>64</b>	24 B's & 12 C's (or higher)	4 B's in top 8 & 4 C's (or higher) in top 12	1-4 → A 5-8 → B 9-16 → C 17-24 → D 25-32 → E
GROUP A4	<b>64</b>	12 A's & 12 B's & 12 C's (or higher)	4 A's in top 8 & 4 B's (or higher) in top 12	1-8 → A 9-16 → B 17-24 → C 25-32 → D 33-48 → E

Division I NAC and National Championships are always Group A4 competitions.

Division I-A National Championships are always at least Group A3 competitions.

Division II NAC and National Championships are always at least Group B3 competitions.

Division III NAC and National Championships are always at least Group C3 competitions.

Changes in classifications are allowed at USA Fencing sanctioned individual competitions that are restricted to Veterans and to Junior fencers.

**Division, Section and Regional Youth and Cadet Competitions must meet or exceed criteria for C1 to award changes in classification. (BOD, July '02, July 03).**

USA Fencing does permit classification changes at mixed competitions without regard to gender of fencers.