



USA FENCING TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

2016 JUNIOR OLYMPIC FENCING CHAMPIONSHIP

Cleveland: February 12-15, 2016

CADET (CDT) / JUNIOR (JR) / JUNIOR TEAM (JTM)

To compete in the Junior Olympic Fencing Championship, the athlete must meet one of the qualification paths outlined in Chapter 2 of the Athlete Handbook; qualification information is also posted on the JO's tournament page. Entries will remain pending until qualification is confirmed. 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) 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 or 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. 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 2015-2016 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. USA Fencing also has a Membership App available through iTunes for the iPhone/iPad.

Junior Olympic Fencing Championships

Registration Opens
Division Qualifying Reports Due
Regular Fee Entry Deadline
Triple Fee Entry Period (**Online Only**)

Withdraw Deadline

Classification Change/Seeding Deadline

February 12-15, 2016

December 7, 2015

January 4, 2016

January 11, 2016

January 25, 2016

January 25, 2016

February 1, 2016

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 4:00 pm – 7:00 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
Friday Feb 12	U17 7:00am-8:00am		JTM 7:00am-8:00am		U17 12:00pm-1:00pm	U20 12:00pm-1:00pm
Saturday Feb 13	JTM 10:00am-11:00am	U20 1:00pm-2:00pm	U17 7:00am-8:00am	U20 7:00am-8:00am	JTM 10:00am-11:00am	
Sunday Feb 14	U20 7:00am-8:00am	JTM 7:00am-8:00am		JTM 1:00pm-2:00pm	U20 12:30pm-1:30pm	U17 10:00am-11:00am
Monday Feb 15		U17 7:00am-8:00am	U20 7:00am-8:00am	U17 7:00am-8:00am		JTM 10:00am-11:00am

HOTEL:

For All USA Fencing Hotel Reservations:

Contact our Event Housing Partner

Reservations by Phone: 888-290-3210

[Reservations Online](#)

VENUE:

Cleveland Convention Center

44114, 300 Lakeside Ave E

Cleveland, OH 44114

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

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) 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 **epee**, 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, 2nd 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. More equipment updates can be found [HERE](#).

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. A sabre glove does 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: US Citizens or Permanent Residents who have not represented another country in the last 3 years

Event	Birth Years:	Classification
Junior (JR)	1996-2002 or on the Cadet NRPS	N/A
Cadet (CDT)	1999-2002 or on the Youth 14 NRPS	N/A
Junior Team (JTM)	Club Team members must have represented the club in USFA competitions this season. Team members must have a birth year of 1996–2002 or be on the Cadet point standings. All Club Teams and team members must be current club and competitive USFA members respectively. No more than 3 teams per USFA member club per event will be allowed to enter.	N/A

Qualification: US Citizens or Permanent Residents who have not represented another country in the last 3 years.

When determining qualification using top 25% on regional point's lists or top 8 or top 16 respectively on NRPS, foreign fencers ARE skipped.

Event	Qualification
Junior (JR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fencers must meet age eligibility AND • Be on the Junior national rolling point standings (NRPS) at the regular fee entry deadline OR • Be in the top 16 of the Cadet national rolling point standings (NRPS) at the regular fee entry deadline OR • Top 25% on your region's Junior RJCC Regional Points Standings OR • Be in the top 25% (round up) of their Division's Junior JO qualifying competition
Cadet (CDT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fencers must meet age eligibility AND • Be on the Cadet national rolling point standings (NRPS) at the regular fee entry deadline OR • Be in the top 25% of their region's Cadet Regional Circuit point standings at the regular fee entry deadline OR • Be in the top 25% of their region's Junior Regional Circuit point standings at the regular fee entry deadline OR • Be in the top 8 of the Youth 14 national rolling point standings (NRPS) at the regular fee entry deadline OR • Be in the top 25% (round up) of their Division's Cadet JO qualifying competition OR • Be in the top 25% (round up) of their Division's Junior JO qualifying competition. Junior event must occur first.

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.

NOTE: Classifications achieved during this tournament are not made during the tournament. Such changes are made to fencers' records after the tournament has concluded at the national office.

Junior	National Junior 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.
Cadet	National Cadet 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.
Junior Team	Seeding of teams is based on Junior national rolling points and participating fencers' classifications as of the classification deadline. Teams with the same seed value are randomized.

Seeding of Teams Process

The first set of team points for each member of the team is based on the fencer's national rolling point standing (NRPS). A fencer who is first on the NRPS receives 132 points, second receives 131 points and so on, down to 32nd (32nd = 101 points). Fencers who are ranked 33rd or lower on the NRPS are allocated 50 points. Fencers who are not on the NRPS are not given any points.

Classification: Each member of the team receives points based on their classification and the year classification was last earned.

- As are given a value between 670 and 640
- Bs are given a value between 570 and 540
- Cs are given a value between 470 and 440
- Ds are given a value between 370 and 340
- Es are given a value between 270 and 340
- Us are given a value of 100 points

Within each classification the year is reflected in 10 point increments, with an A14 worth 670 points, an A13 worth 660 points, A12 given 650 points and A10 worth 640 points. The same process is used for the other letter classifications (B, C, D, and E). Those fencers who have yet to earn a classification (U) are given 100 points.

The individual seed value is calculated by adding the calculated NPRS and classification points for each team member. The three highest total point values are then added. This sum becomes the team's total points. Teams are then ranked by highest team total points (number 1 seed) to lowest team total points (last seeded team).

Example:

Fencer	NRPS	Team points	Classification	Team points	Total points
A	18th	115	A14	670	785
B		0	C13	460	460
C		0	U	100	100
D	53rd	50	B14	570	620
TEAM SEEDING POINTS: (Sum of the best three)					1865

TEAM EVENT INFORMATION:

On competition day, the Captain or a representative must check in at the Bout Committee Team Table DURING the check-in time listed to determine accuracy of team members, even if the team has received a bye for the first round, or the Team will be disqualified from the event. A team must be composed of no less than three and no more than four fencers.

All Teams must be pre-registered by the posted deadlines no later than 11:59:59 PM Pacific Time. No entries will be taken at the door. Please provide a list of all potential team members and their membership numbers on the Team Entry Form or through the online system, so that each athlete's information can be checked prior to the tournament.

The members of each team must be pre-registered. Individuals competing only in the Team event must submit their registration fee by the deadline. No new registrations will be taken at this tournament.

Junior Team: this is a championship event. Club Team members must be U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents who have not represented another country in the past three years, and have represented the club in USFA competitions this season. Team members must have a birth year of 1995–2001 or be on the Cadet point standings. All Club Teams and team members must be current club and competitive USFA members respectively. No more than 3 teams per USFA member club per event will be allowed to enter. Team members competing ONLY in the Team competition must submit a NAC Individual Entry Form or online with payment of the registration fee by the regular fee deadline.

Classifications are no longer awarded in team championship events [BoD March 2012].

On any one day fencers are permitted to fence in a maximum of one individual and one team competition. Fencers MUST report to the strip when called. If a fencer is on a team and fencing in an individual event, it is reasonable to have the fourth fencer start the match. A team can make one substitution during a team match so the fencer could be a substitute after completing his/her individual bout. To make a substitution during a team match, the team captain must notify the referee and captain of the opposing team a full bout in advance of the substitution. At some point during the competition day, the fencer may have to choose which event to continue fencing. A word of Caution: If fencer starts the individual competition and decides to withdraw from that competition to fence in the team competition, the fencer will be given a Black Card and disqualified from the individual competition.

We understand and appreciate the team unity that many of the teams have shown in the past. However, given the size of some of our team events, we ask that one and only one team captain or representative come to the team event table when called. The following procedures will be followed for teams:

At the Venue

1. ALL Team Captains or representatives will be required to check-in with the Team Events Bout Committee during the designated time to verify members of their team; once changes are made, no other changes will be allowed. If discrepancies are not reported to the Bout Committee by the close of check-in, the information stands as presented.
2. Captains or representatives will need to remain present in the venue for fencer order determination.
3. Direct Elimination Table will be constituted and Team Captains or Representative will then determine fencer order as each match is called.
4. Higher seeded team would automatically be designated as the "winner of the coin flip" and assigned the 1-2-3 side (Match order: 3-6, 1-5, 2-4, 1-6, 3-4, 2-5, 1-4, 2-6, 3-5). This may also be assigned by the bout committee via coin flip.
5. Direct elimination from beginning of competition. Relay format, 9 bouts to a maximum score of 45 – increments of 5 touches or maximum time of 3 minutes for each bout. Fence off for 3rd

2015-2016 Age/Classification Eligibility

A. For 2015-2016 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 2002 or earlier	Born 1976 or earlier	1967-1976	1957-1966	1947-1956	Born 1946 or earlier	1996-2002	1999-2002	2001-2004	2003-2006	2005-2008			
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. July Challenge, USA Fencing National Championships & Associated REGIONAL & DIVISION Qualifying Competitions ONLY

CATEGORY	DIVISION I	DIVISION IA	DIVISION II	DIVISION III	WHEELCHAIR	VETERAN 40-49	VETERAN 50-59	VETERAN 60-69	VETERAN 70 & Older
CODE	DV1	D1A	DV2	DV3	CHR	V40	V50	V60	V70
BIRTH YEARS	Born 2002 or earlier	1967-1976	1957-1966	1947-1956	Born 1946 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

CATEGORY	JUNIOR	CADET	YOUTH 14	YOUTH 12	YOUTH 10	SENIOR TEAM
CODE	JR	CDT	Y14	Y12	Y10	STM
BIRTH YEARS	1997-2003	2000-2003	2001-2004	2003-2006	2005-2008	Born 2002 or earlier
CLASS	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 2006 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 2004 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 2002 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 2002 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 2003 can fence in Cadet competition for the 2016 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 2003 can fence in Junior competition for the 2016 July Challenge IF the fencer is on the National Cadet point standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
- Division I – For national (e.g., NAC) competitions, those born after 2002 must be on the National Junior point standings; for the 2016 July Challenge for Division I, those born after 2003 must be on the National Junior point standings.
- Division IA, II, III – For all local, regional (including ROC) and national (e.g., NAC) competitions, those born after 2002 must be on the National Junior point standings; for the 2016 National Championships and qualifying competitions for Division IA, II, III; those born after 2003 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. 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.

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 click on the EVENTS tab, National Events, and select the tournament you would like more information on (i.e. October NAC, November NAC, and so on). If your question is not answered there, please email 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.

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.

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	6	NONE	N/A	1 → E
GROUP D1 Changed per BOD 7/09	15	4 E's (or higher)	2 E's (or higher) in top 8	1 → D 2-4 → E
GROUP C1	15	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	25	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	64	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	15	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	25	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	64	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	15	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	25	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	64	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	64	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.