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TO: USA Fencing Division Chairs and Secretaries

FROM: Leslie Winckler & Christine Strong Simmons, USA Fencing

SUBJECT: Qualifying Information for the 2017 Junior Olympics

The forms for reporting the results of qualifying competitions for the 2017 USA Fencing Junior Olympic Fencing Championships can be found [here](#). These forms must be used to report the full results of each qualifying competition with all the details requested and returned electronically in an Excel format to Leslie Winckler (l.winckler@usfencing.org), as soon as possible after the qualifying competitions and no later than Monday, **January 4, 2017**. The sooner the National Office receives the results of the qualifying competitions and referee reports, the sooner the entries from that Division can be processed and athletes notified of their status for the JO Fencing Championships. Junior Olympic Fencing Championship entries cannot be processed without the qualifying report forms from the athlete's Division.

Fencers must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the United States. Any fencer who is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, who has also represented another country in the last three years, in any FIE and/or Union International de Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM) event, and who has not yet been granted permission to represent the USA by USA Fencing and the FIE is not eligible for any USA Fencing National Championship competition, individual or team, including division qualifying competitions. A foreign fencer who is in the United States on a visa is NOT eligible to fence in any National Championships, individual or team, or associated division qualifying competitions. If an athlete has a Green Card, a copy of this card should be submitted with your qualifying forms. Divisions allowing ineligible athletes to compete in qualifying competitions may be fined by USA Fencing.

Junior and Cadet National Rolling Point Standings are available [here](#).

The Junior Olympic Fencing Championship Individual Entry Form is posted on the USA Fencing website [here](#). The Team Entry form is available [here](#). Athletes can register for the Junior Olympic Fencing Championships online at <https://www.railstation.org/USFencing/> at no additional fee; their entry will remain pending until results from the qualifying competition are received.

General tournament information is included as well as relevant excerpts from the Athlete Handbook. Familiarize yourself with the enclosed information so you can answer questions from your members. Please contact Leslie Winckler (l.winckler@usfencing.org) if you need any further information or explanation of the qualifying procedures or wish to list your qualifying tournament on the Events Calendar.

There are NO alternates for any competition at the Junior Olympic Fencing Championships.

Classifications can be awarded at a Division Junior Olympic qualifying competition and must be noted on the qualifying report form. Cadet events must be rated as a C1 or greater for a classification to be awarded. (See the included Classification Chart).

The USA Fencing National Office will verify the accuracy in determining the number of qualifiers in each event. If there is an error, the National Office will request that the Division contact the affected fencer(s).

Organizers for the Division Qualifying competition must arrange to have at least one referee with a rating of five or higher at the qualifying tournament. For more information on referee ratings, please visit the FOC website at: www.fencingofficials.org.

All tournament officials must be compliant with the USA Fencing including maintaining a *current* Professional or +Professional membership and background screen. In addition, all officials must complete the free, online 90-minute Safe Sport Training Course by *Jan. 1, 2017*.

Athletes are permitted to fence in their Division qualifying competitions only IF:

- 1) The athlete is a US Citizen OR Permanent Resident **and** a current competitive/collegiate competitive member of USA Fencing **AND**
- 2) The athlete's birth year falls in that age bracket **OR**
- 3) The athlete is on the national rolling point standings in the next younger age bracket

JUNIOR OLYMPIC FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

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If you have conflicting information about whether or not a fencer is foreign, contact USA Fencing at (719) 866-4511. Fencers must have a USA Fencing "Competitive Member" card with expiration date of 7/31/17 or later or be listed on the USA Fencing online membership list as a current competitive member.

In determining the number of qualifiers, the number of competitors is the total number of fencers who competed in the qualifying competition who are eligible to fence in the Championships. Once the qualifying competition is complete and the number of qualified athletes is determined, those who have already qualified to the Championships in that event (athletes with National Points) are skipped in determining those who have become qualifiers in that competition. For example, if there are 20 competitors in the qualifying competition, of which four have National Points for that particular championships event, those four are skipped in determining the five qualifiers from that competition. So, if the ones who are automatic qualifiers are 1st, 3rd, 6th, and 7th, then the qualifiers from this competition are those who have placed 2nd, 4th, 5th, 8th and 9th.

TABLE 1: NUMBER OF QUALIFIERS FOR JUNIOR OLYMPIC FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

# Competitors	1	2	3 to 12	13-16	17-20	21-24	25-28	29-32	33-36	37-40	41-44	45-48
# Qualifiers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

A. Eligibility (age, classification)

Subject to the exceptions in [Table 2.5.1](#), fencers must be at least 13 years old on 1 January in the year of the competition. Fencers younger than that must, as of the regular fee entry deadline, be on the Y14 National Point Standings to be eligible for Cadet events or on the Cadet point standings to be eligible for Junior events. There are no classification requirements. Fencers must meet age requirements as above and be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

When determining qualifications using top 25% on regional points lists or top 8 or top 16 respectively on National Rolling Point Standings, ONLY foreign fencers are skipped.

CADET

- Fencers must meet 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**
- Earn at least 110 regional points on either the Cadet or Junior Regional Point Standing **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.

JUNIOR

- 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 Point Standings **OR**
- Earn at least 110 regional points on the Junior Regional Point Standing **OR**
- Be in the top 25% (round up) of their division's Junior JO qualifying competition



**2017 USA Fencing
Junior Olympic Fencing Championships
February 17-20, 2017
Kansas City, MO**

Athlete Information

HOTEL:

**For All USFA Hotel Reservations:
Group Housing**

Reservations by Phone: 888 290 3210

E-mail: contact@grouphousing.net

VENUE:

Kansas City Convention Center

Address: 301 W 13th St, Kansas City, MO 64105

AIRLINE RESERVATIONS:

For a discount on travel arrangements with United Airlines, the Official USFA travel partner, call the United Airlines Olympic Desk at 800-841-0460 or visit www.united.com/usoc.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Division of Fencer: _____

Congratulations, you have qualified for the Junior Olympic Fencing Championships in Kansas City, MO. You are qualified for the following events:

In order to participate in the Junior Olympic Fencing Championships, you must register online at <https://www.railstation.org/USFencing/>

This form does not constitute notification to USA Fencing of your qualification status. The Division will send the results of the qualifying competition to the USA Fencing National Office. Your entry will remain pending until qualifying results are received from the Division.

Congratulations and good luck!

Verified By: _____
Bout Committee Representative