



USA Fencing National Championships & July Challenge

DV1A/DV2/DV3/VET Age/Y10/Y12/14 Championship & DV1/ /JNR/CDT/ SNR & VET Team July Challenge

St. Louis, MO June 28 – July 7, 2018

Welcome to the USA Fencing National Championship & July Challenge! You have worked hard to compete in this prestigious tournament and we hope you have an excellent competitive experience this year. For more information on this tournament, our host city as well as the various meetings and special events during the competition, please click [HERE](#) to see the event page.

Entrant List, Eligibility & Fees:

Please refer to the Entrants list for the status of your entry. The Entrant list is posted on the USA Fencing website under Events, then National and then National Championship & July Challenge. Once you register for this tournament, you will receive an email that confirms that you are “Registered”. Once your qualification for a particular event has been approved or your event status has changed, the online system will automatically generate another email. **Registering for a tournament does not guarantee that you are eligible for an event.** If you notice that the event you registered for is not showing up on the Entrant list, please email nationalevents@usafencing.org.

Information on fees for paper entries and online entries is available on the event page or while registering online.

Event Check In Times:

Tournament check in times will be posted on the USA Fencing website approximately one week after the regular fee deadline.

Important Tournament Deadlines:

All entries must be received by the posted deadlines no later than 11:59:59 PM Pacific Time

Registration Opens	March 7, 2018
Division or Regional Qualifying/Classification Forms Due	May 9, 2018
Regular Entry Fee Deadline	May 16, 2018
Petition Deadline (only for US Citizens & Permanent Residents)	May 16, 2018
Late Entry Fee Deadline (online only at triple fees)	May 30, 2018
Check In Times Posted	May 23, 2018
Withdraw Deadline (email s.ross@usafencing.org to withdraw by the deadline)	June 1, 2018
Classification Change Deadline (no changes will be made after this date)	June 6, 2018
Country of Representation Deadline for the National Championship (not for the July Challenge entrants)	June 6, 2018

Tournament City & Travel:

Hotel	For all USA Fencing hotel reservations contact Group Housing at 888-290-3210 or click HERE
Competition Venue Opens at 7 am each competition day	America's Center Convention Complex Halls 3-5 701 Convention Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63101
Airline Reservations	For a special USA Fencing discount through our official travel partner, please call the United Airlines Olympic Desk at 800-841- 0460
Ground Transportation	Visit the event page for this tournament to see information on ground transportation discounts – Click HERE

Check In Schedule:

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Date/Weapon	Men's Epee	Men's Foil	Men's Sabre	Women's Epee	Women's Foil	Women's Sabre
Thursday, June 28	DV1		JNR	JNR	DV1	
Friday, June 29	STM	JNR	D1A	D1A	STM	JNR
Saturday, June 30	JNR	STM	DV1 V40 V50 V60 V70	DV1 V40 V50 V60 V70	JNR	STM
Sunday, July 1	D1A	DV1	CDT VTM STM	CDT VTM STM	D1A	DV1
Monday, July 2	CDT V40 V50 V60 V70	D1A	Y14		CDT V40 V50 V60 V70	D1A
Tuesday, July 3	DV2 VTM	CDT V40 V50 V60 V70		Y14	DV2 VTM	CDT V40 V50 V60 V70
Wednesday, July 4	Y14	DV2 VTM	DV3	DV3	Y14	DV2 VTM
Thursday, July 5	DV3	Y14	DV2	DV2	DV3	Y14
Friday, July 6	Y12	DV3 Y10	Y12	Y12	Y12	DV3 Y10
Saturday, July 7	Y10	Y12	Y10	Y10	Y10	Y12

Event Status & Tournament Acronyms:

Event Status Emails:	Description:
Registered/Pending	Registration & event fees have been paid and we are working on approving your event
Approved	Your event has been approved
Ineligible	We don't know how you qualified please email c.shane@usafencing.org
Withdrawn	Either you have withdrawn from the event or you are ineligible and the National Office has withdrawn you from the event
Event Acronyms:	Description
CDT	Cadet (July Challenge)
JR	Junior (July Challenge)
DV1	Division 1 (July Challenge)
Y10	Youth 10
Y12	Youth 12
Y14	Youth 14
D1A	Division 1 A
DV2	Division 2
DV3	Division 3
V40	Veteran 40 - 49
V50	Veteran 50 – 59
V60	Veteran 60 – 69
V70	Veteran 70 and older
VTM	Veteran Team (July Challenge)
STM	Senior Team (July Challenge)
ME	Men's Epee
MF	Men's Foil
MS	Men's Sabre
WE	Women's Epee
WF	Women's Foil
WS	Women's Sabre

Individual Event Status:

All individuals must meet qualification paths, age-eligibility and/or classification requirements and be registered by the entry deadline. No entries will be accepted at the competition or after the entry deadlines. *Fencers and Team Captains must check in, for each event, on the day that event is scheduled.* You can check in within five hours of your event either via the bar code scanners or through the manual check in, at the USA Fencing booths outside the exhibit halls. Please remember to bring either your USA Fencing membership card to scan in or an ID for manual check in for each event. If you miss the check in, you will be taken out from the event and no refund will be issued. Fencers who withdraw from a competition for other than medical reasons are subject to disqualification from the tournament, including loss of any points and/or classifications that may be awarded and further disciplinary action by USA Fencing. 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.

Only US Citizens or US Permanent Residents, who have not represented another country internationally at an FIE Senior or Junior competition in the last three years, are permitted to compete in any individual championship or team championship competition held at this tournament.

Qualification is required for the Championship events. For the July Challenge, there is a specific criterion that must be met to compete in these events.

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 competition in his/her individual competition 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. If a 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. If a fencer starts a team competition and decides to withdraw to continue in the individual event, dropping the team to only two members, that team must forfeit.

Team Event Information:

All teams must be registered by the posted deadlines. No team entries will be taken at the tournament or accepted after the posted entry deadlines. The members of each team must be registered and have paid for the registration fee to fence in the team event.

Team Captain:

On competition day the Captain or a representative must check in at the Bout Committee team table during the scheduled check in time to determine the accuracy of the team roster, 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 fewer than three and no more than four fencers.

Senior & Veteran Teams:

This is a non-championship event; there is no classification requirement; Team members must meet the birth year requirement for the particular type of team event. Any three or four athletes who are age-eligible may comprise a Senior team without regard for club representation or affiliation or division membership. Classifications are no longer awarded in team championship events [BoD March 2012]. All team members must be current competitive USA Fencing members respectively.

USA Fencing understands and appreciates the team unity that many of the teams have shown in the past. Given the size of some of our team events, we ask that 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 will 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.

Preliminary Seeding:

Preliminary seeding information for each day's events are posted on monitors in venue and available on USA Fencing's website; preliminary seeding will be made available on or about **June 15, 2018** on the tournament page at www.usafencing.org. When you arrive for your event, please verify the posted seeding information (name, club, division, country, rating, and 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.

Weapons Check:

Weapons Check will be open Wednesday, June 27th from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the venue IF the set-up for the Tournament has been completed, AND **ONLY** for those athletes competing the next day. Weapons check will be open each day of the competition at 7:00 am and is available until competition ends.

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 or use" [per FIE rule m.25.7.d].

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 ensuring 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.

For safety and insurance purposes, fencers and coaches must wear mask and glove while participating in drills, lessons, warm-ups, camps, or clinics with weapon in hand. 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
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.

Blade size for Youth 10 and Youth 12: Y10: #2 blade - Y12: #5 blade. Further details can be found in Chapter 2 in the 2017-2018 Athlete Handbook.

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

Drug Testing:

There may be drug testing conducted for athletes who compete in this tournament. Any detection of banned substances would be cause for suspension and loss of national points earned for selection towards any U.S. 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 www.usantidoping.org.

Call to the strip:

The second call for a missing fencer at the beginning of or during the pool round or a 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 at 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. BOD9/2006

Awarding of points:

National Points are awarded for appropriate placement in Division I, Junior, Cadet, Youth 14, Youth 12, Youth 10 and Veteran Age Group competitions. Regional points are awarded for appropriate placement in Division 1A and Division II competitions per chapter 3 of the 2017-2018 Athlete Handbook.

In the youth age groups, the top 40% of the competitive field to a maximum place of 32nd is considered for national points. If 40% of the field equals a mixed fraction number less than 32, the fraction portion of the number is dropped; the whole number equals the placement for determination of the bracket within which points will be awarded. Further details regarding calculations of points can be found in Chapter 3 in the 2017-2018 Athlete Handbook.

In Division I, Junior and Cadet age groups, the top 40% of the competitive field to a maximum place of 32nd is considered for national points. If 40% of the field equals a mixed fraction number less than 32, the fraction portion of the number is dropped; the whole number equals the placement for determination of the bracket within which points will be awarded. Points will be awarded for places 33-64 at Division I, Junior and Cadet NAC competitions if there are at least 160 fencers in the competition. These points will only be reflected in Division I, Junior and Cadet Point standings. Further details regarding calculations of points can be found in Chapters 3 and 6-11 in the 2017-2018 Athlete Handbook.

In the Veteran National point competitions, points are awarded to a maximum place of 64th or to the last place in the competition, whichever is smaller. Further details regarding calculations of points can be found in Chapter 3 and 12 in the 2017-2018 Athlete Handbook.

Competition Formats:

Bouts in the pool round are 5-touch bouts with a 3-minute fencing time limit. For direct elimination, except where noted, maximum score of bout is 15, with three 3-minute periods. There is a one-minute rest between periods. In sabre direct elimination bouts, except Veterans and Youth 10 and 12, a one minute rest occurs when one fencer's score reaches 8 or 3 minutes have expired in the first period, whichever occurs first. For Veteran events, the one-minute rest occurs when one fencer's score reaches 5 touches.

Division IA Division II Division III	One round of pools; 5 and 6 or 6 and 7 persons per pool, 80% promoted to simple direct elimination.
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Division I (DV1) Epee, Foil & Sabre	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 NACs and Championships if there are at least 160 fencers in the competition. These points will be reflected in Senior, Junior and Cadet rolling points only and will be used for seeding national competitions. In order to be considered on the point standings for the purposes of selection or qualification for each category there must be at least one domestic or international 32 nd place result and the total points must be at least: senior = 275; junior = 165; cadet = 110.
Junior & Cadet	One round of pools, 5 and 6 or 6 and 7 persons per pool; 80% 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 points only and will be used for seeding national competitions. In order to be considered on the point standings for the purposes of selection or qualification for each category there must be at least one 32 nd place result and the total points must be at least: senior = 275; junior = 165; cadet = 110.
Youth 14	One round of pools, 5 and 6 or 6 and 7 persons per pool; 100% promoted to direct elimination tableau. Bouts in direct elimination are 15-touch bouts in three - 3-minute segments with 1- minute breaks. In saber, there is a 1- minute break when one fencer's score reaches 8 or 3 minutes have lapsed whichever occurs first. Points are awarded to 40% of the competitive field to a maximum of 32 nd place.
Youth 12 (Y12)	One round of pools, 5 and 6 or 6 and 7 persons per pool; 100% promoted to direct elimination tableau. Bouts in direct elimination are 15-touch bouts in three - 3-minute segments with 1- minute breaks. In saber, there is a 1- minute break when one fencer's score reaches 8 or 3 minutes have lapsed whichever occurs first. Points are awarded to 40% of the competitive field to a maximum of 32 nd place.
Youth 10 (Y10)	One round of pools, 5 and 6 or 6 and 7 persons per pool. 100% promoted to direct elimination tableau. Bouts in direct elimination are 10-touch bouts in two - 3-minute segments with 1-minute break with expiration of time or when the first fencer reaches 5 touches. Points are awarded to 40% of the competitive field to a maximum of 32 nd place. At all Youth 10 competitions, maximum blade length 32.5" long
Veteran Age	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.
Senior Team	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. Seeding of teams based on Senior national points and participating fencers' classifications as of the classification deadline. Fence off for 3 rd . No points or classifications are awarded.
Veteran Team	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. Seeding of teams based on Veteran national points and participating fencers' classifications as of the classification deadline. Fence off for 3 rd . No points or classifications are awarded.

*** Unless there are 8 or fewer in the competition, then 100% promoted. [BOD, Sept. 2008]

Seeding:

Fencers are responsible to check the 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 2017-2018 Athlete Handbook has detailed information on Seeding. Changes to the National Rolling Point Standings (NRPS) will be used for seeding domestic point competition if the international results are submitted or posted on the FIE website at least ten days prior to the domestic point tournament. Note: Placement within randomized groups (those same classification and year) is not static and may change whenever any seeding information for that event is changed.

NOTE: No changes in classifications achieved at competitions in this tournament are made during the tournament. Such changes are made to fencers' records by USA Fencing National Office, effective after the tournament is over.

Division IA	Classification– by letter and year – A, B, C, D, E, U. Within the same class and year, random
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 standing 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 USA FENCING, and subsequently earns a higher classification, the fencer retains eligibility for that tournament.
Division III	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 USA FENCING, and subsequently earns a higher classification, the fencer retains eligibility for that tournament.
Junior	FIE Junior Pts (min 2 placements in top 32 of Junior World Cup or World Championships), National Junior Rolling Points, then classification/year
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.
Youth 14	National Youth 14 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.
Youth 12	National Youth 12 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.
Youth 10	National Youth 10 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.
Veteran Age Categories	Top 8 in National Age Group standings, then ranking within classification, then classification/year
Senior Team	Seeding of teams is based on Senior national points and participating fencers' classifications as of the classification deadline. Teams with the same seed value are randomized.
Veteran Team	Seeding of teams is based on the Veteran national 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.

- As are given a value between 670 and 630
- Bs are given a value between 570 and 530
- Cs are given a value between 470 and 430
- Ds are given a value between 370 and 330
- Es are given a value between 270 and 230
- Us are given a value of 100 points

For example, for a competition on September 1, 2017, within each classification the year is reflected in 10 point increments, with an A17 worth 670 points, an A16 worth 660 points, A15 given 650 points and A14 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	A17	670	785
B		0	C14	440	440
C		0	U	100	100
D	53rd	50	B16	560	610
TEAM SEEDING POINTS: (Sum of the best three)			1835		

NATIONAL EVENTS FAQ:

If I earn a higher classification (B or C) after I qualify (for Division II or III, respectively), can I still fence in this event? Yes, if a fencer meets the classification/age criteria when he or she qualified, and subsequently earns a higher classification, the fencer retains eligibility for that event.

Do I have to register twice for my events?

While the events at the July tournaments are labeled separately (Championship vs. July Challenge), registration is treated as one tournament.

What events are considered Championships?

The USA Fencing Championship Events are: Y10, Y12, Y14, DVIA, DVII, DVIII & VET AGE

The Non-Championship Events (July Challenge) are: DVI, JR, CDT, Senior & Veteran Team

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. If you leave the event competition for other than verified medical reason before it is over, you will be removed from the event and lose any placement, points, or classification that may have been earned.

What is the best way to find out information on tournaments?

Go to www.usafencing.org click on the events tab and select the tournament level you would like more information on (i.e. North American Cup, Championship). If your question is not answered there, please do not hesitate to email one of the National Events Staff Members.

USA Fencing Classification Chart (as of July 2009)

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	4E's (or higher)	2E'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	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	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	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	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 NACs & 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, Regional Youth and Cadet Competitions must meet or exceed criteria for C1 to award changes in classification. (BOD, July '02, July '03).
- High School Recognized competitions are not required to meet the C1 tournament requirement to award classifications.
- USA Fencing doesn't permit classification changes at mixed competitions without regard to gender of fencers.