



DATE: July 31, 2017
TO: USA Fencing Division Chairs and Secretaries
FROM: Christine Strong Simmons, USA Fencing
SUBJECT: Qualifying Information for the 2018 Summer National Championship

The forms for reporting the results of qualifying competitions for the 2018 USA Fencing Summer National 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 Ashley Gardner (a.gardner@usfencing.org), as soon as possible after the qualifying competitions and no later **May 9, 2018**. 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 National Championships. Summer National Championship entries can't 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 citizen or permanent resident, who has also represented another country in the last three years, in any FIE (Senior or Junior) and/or Union Internationale 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.

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

The Summer National Championship Individual Entry Form is posted on the USA Fencing website [here](#). The Team Entry form is available [here](#). Athletes can register for the Summer National Championships online at no additional fee; their entry will remain "registered" until results from the qualifying competition are received.

Please familiarize yourself with the information below so you can answer questions from your members. Contact Ashley Gardner (a.gardner@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 Summer National Championships.

Classifications can be awarded at a Division qualifying competition and must be noted on the qualifying report form.

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.

FYI - Beginning on Aug. 1, 2017, all USA Fencing sanctioned events must have at least one rated referee. All tournament officials must be compliant with the USA Fencing Safe Sport Policy, including maintaining a current background check. In addition, all officials must complete the free, online 90 minute Safe Sport Training Course.

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 meets the various qualifying event criteria **OR**
- 3) The athlete's birth year falls in that age bracket **OR**
- 4) The athlete is on the national rolling point standings in the next younger age bracket

SUMMER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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 7/31/18 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 the 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 SUMMER NATIONAL 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 must meet age requirements as above and be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Fencers must meet age requirements and be U.S. citizens or permanent residents representing the United States.

When determining qualifications for the top 8 or top 16 respectively on National Rolling Point Standings, ONLY foreign fencers ARE skipped.

Youth 14 National Championships

A. Eligibility (age, representation, classification)

Subject to the listed exceptions, fencers must meet the birth years in [Table 2.5.1](#) and be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident representing the United States. There are no classification requirements.

B. Qualification

When determining qualifications top 16 on National Rolling Points Standings, ONLY foreign fencers are skipped.

C. Qualifying Path

- Be on the Youth 14 National Point Standings at the regular entry fee deadline **OR**
- Be in the top **16** of the Y12 National Point Standings at the regular entry fee deadline **OR**
- Earn at least **150** Y14 Regional Points during the current season (Total points = an athlete's top 3 point results) **OR**
- Place in the top 25% (round up) of the fencer's division's Y14 National Championship qualifying competition

Division II (Div II)

This event is part of the USA Fencing National Championships, held each summer. No points are awarded.

A. Eligibility (age, classification, qualification path)

Fencers must be at least 13 years old on 1 January in the year of the competition or on the Junior national rolling point standings (NRPS). Fencers must have a classification in the weapon of "C", "D", "E" or "U" at the time of the qualifying competition AND be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

B. Qualification

Fencers must meet eligibility requirements **AND**:

- Place in the top 25% of the current season's division qualifying competition **OR**
- Be on the current season's Div IA ROC Regional Point Standings **OR**
- Be on the Div II ROC Regional Point Standings **OR**
- Place in the top 40% of any current season Div II or Div IA NAC, if held

Division III (Div III)

This event is part of the USA Fencing National Championships, held each summer. No points are awarded.

A. Eligibility (age, classification, qualification path)

Fencers must be at least 13 years old on 1 January in the year of the competition or on the Junior national rolling point standings (NRPS). Fencers must have a classification of "D", "E", or "U" at the time of the qualifying competition AND be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

B. Qualification

Fencers must meet eligibility requirements **AND**:

- Place in the top 25% (round up) of the total number of "D", "E", or "U" fencers competing in the current season division's Division II Qualifying competition (when Division II and Division III qualifying competition held together) **OR**
- If separate Division III qualifying competition held by division, then top 25% of the field will qualify for Division III National Championships **OR**
- Be on the Division IA or Division II Regional Open Circuit point standings, if classification eligible, at the regular fee entry deadline for these Championships **OR**
- Place in the top 40% at Div III, Div II or Div1A NAC of the current season, if held
- Qualified for Division II, if classification eligible

Veteran (V40, V50, V60, V70+)

V40, V50, V60 and V70 events are held at the USA Fencing National Championships; there is no Championship event for Vet Open or Vet Team. Veteran National Championships is the last tournament for selection for the World Veteran Championships at which national points are awarded.

A. Eligibility (age, classification, qualifying path)

Age eligibility for the separate age categories (V50, V60, and V70) is governed by the FIE rules for the Veteran World Championships. For each Veteran age group fencers must meet the birth years specified in [Table 2.5.1](#). Athletes that have represented another country in the last 3 years at FIE level competitions (Senior/Junior) are not eligible to compete in a National Championship.

B. Qualification

Must meet eligibility requirements above AND

- Compete in the current season's division qualifying competition for Division II and/or Division III Championships **OR**
- Compete in any Regional Open Circuit event during the current season **OR**
- Compete in any NAC during the current season **OR**
- Be on the Veteran Age Group national rolling point standings (NRPS) at the regular fee entry deadline **OR**
- Be on the Veteran Combine regional point standings at the regular fee entry deadline



**2018 USA Fencing
Summer National Championships
June 28 – July 7, 2018
St. Louis, MO**

Athlete Information

HOTEL:

For All USFA Hotel Reservations:

Group Housing

Reservations by Phone: 888 290 3210

E-mail: contact@grouphousing.net

VENUE:

St. Louis Convention Center

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 Summer National Championships in St. Louis, MO. You are qualified for the following events:

In order to participate in the Summer National Championships, you must register online [HERE](#).

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 “registered” until qualifying results are received from the Division.

Congratulations and good luck!

Verified By: _____

Bout Committee Representative