



## USA FENCING TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

2018 January North American Cup  
Virginia Beach, VA January 5-8, 2018

### DV1/JR/WCH/Senior Team

Welcome to the USA Fencing North American Cup Tournament! We are excited to have you fence in this tournament and sincerely hope that you have a great competitive experience. If you have any concerns, ideas, issues or comments following this event, please email [nationalevents@usafencing.org](mailto:nationalevents@usafencing.org).

Please **confirm your name is on the Entrants List** for each event that you have entered. The Entrants List is posted on the corresponding tournament web page on the USA Fencing website ([www.usafencing.org](http://www.usafencing.org)) under EVENTS/National. 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 email ([nationalevents@usafencing.org](mailto:nationalevents@usafencing.org) or [information@usafencing.org](mailto:information@usafencing.org)), 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 given below. If you represent a country other than the USA, please indicate this information in your membership profile when you register for competitions online.

All entries must be received by the posted deadlines no later than 11:59:59 p.m. Pacific Time. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. Online registration is available at [www.usafencing.org](http://www.usafencing.org); the Entrants List is updated upon completion of the online entry with valid payment. An email receipt will be sent to the email address in your membership profile. If you registered for the tournament via fax, mail or email, the online system will generate a receipt once your entry has been processed. The email 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.

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@usafencing.org](mailto:nationalevents@usafencing.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 2017-2018 USA Fencing membership card for event check-in at the venue so that you can bar code scan into your event each day (it takes 10 seconds vs. standing in a line for manual check-in). Membership cards can be printed from your membership profile.

#### January NAC Important Dates

Registration Opens

Regular Fee Entry Deadline

Triple Fee Entry Deadline (**Online Only**)

**Withdraw Deadline**

**Classification Change/Seeding Deadline**

**January 5-8, 2018**

**October 25, 2017**

**November 22, 2017**

**December 6, 2017**

**December 13, 2017**

**December 20, 2017**

#### 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 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. 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 a.m.
- 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 (unless otherwise noted)

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. Changes will not be made once the event has closed.

#### **HOTEL:**

For All USA Fencing Hotel Reservations:

**Contact Group Housing, our Event Housing Partner** - Reservations by Phone: 888-290-3210 or click this link: [Reservations Online](#)

#### **VENUE:**

Virginia Beach Convention Center – Exhibit Halls A - D

<http://www.visitvirginiabeach.com/conventioncenter/>

1000 19th St, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

#### **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 TRANSPORT:**

Check the NAC tournament web 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 a.m. 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 except for 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 information for each day's events is normally posted online ([usafencing.org](http://usafencing.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.

	Men's Epee	Men's Foil	Men's Saber	Women's Epee	Women's Foil	Women's Saber
<b>Friday January 5, 2018</b>	DV1 12-1pm		STM 10-11am CHR 7-8am	JNR 7-8am	DV1 7-8am	CHR 10-11am
<b>Saturday January 6, 2018</b>	1D2 2-3pm D1C 7-8am	STM 7-8am CHR 8-9am	DV1 7-8am	STM 10-11am	JNR 12-1pm CHR 12-1pm	JNR 1-2pm
<b>Sunday January 7, 2018</b>	CHR 8-9am STM 7-8am	DV1 7-8am	JNR 1-2pm	DV1 12-1pm CHR 12-1pm	STM 1-2pm	DV1 7-8am
<b>Monday January 8, 2018</b>	JNR 7-8am	JNR 7-8am		1D2 7-8am D1C 7-8am		STM 7-8am

#### **DV1 Epee Two Day Format Acronyms:**

**"DV1" Epee = Day 1**

**"1D2" Epee = DV1ME & DV1WE = Day 2**

**"D1C" Epee = Day 2 Division 1 Epee Classification Tournament**

**EQUIPMENT INSPECTION AT THE ARMORY (Weapons Check):**

All equipment must conform to currently published USA Fencing rules to be used at this competition. It is the responsibility of the fencer to ensure that his or her equipment conforms to current USA FENCING rules. Equipment inspection will be open each day of the competition at 7:00 a.m. Competitors with events on the first day of competition may be given priority to have their equipment checked from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on the previous day at the venue **IF** the set up for the tournament has been completed. Items that have passed inspection will be specially marked.

When submitting equipment for inspection, please observe the following guidelines:

- a) Bring only the equipment to be inspected, not the equipment bags, to the inspection table
- b) Lames should be zipped up, right side out, and not on a hanger
- c) All old inspection marks on body or head cords should be removed
- d) All cords should be untangled and presented individually for inspection

**Inspection of sabre gloves:**

Saber gloves will be inspected for conformance to the new rules, which specifically require FIE homologated gloves for sabre. If an FIE sabre glove is presented that is FIE homologated and mechanically intact (e.g., no holes, tears, broken seams) but fails conductivity testing, the fencer will be offered a choice:

- a) Receive the glove back with no stamp and no markings. The fencer can have the glove repaired and resubmit it before fencing.
- b) Have the glove stamped and have the cuff visibly marked as failing using an indelible marker (Sharpie). The glove must then be used with a manchette.

**Failed Masks:**

Masks which fail will be confiscated for the duration of the tournament and rendered visibly unusable [rule m.25.7.d]. At the end of the tournament, the owner may request the return of his or her mask.

If there is a substantial line, the following maximum numbers of items will be applied:

<b>Epee</b> 2 Masks 3 BodyCords 2 Gloves	<b>Foil</b> 2 Masks 3 MaskCords 3 Body Cords 2 Lames 2 Gloves	<b>Saber</b> 2 Masks 3 MaskCords 3 Body Cords 2 Lames 2 FIE Gloves 2 Manchettes
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**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 a 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 a 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:

- Have at least two layers
- Include a sleeve down to the elbow without opening or seam in the region of the armpit
- Ensure the best possible protection. It may be fixed to the jacket without being entirely sewn in.
- 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, 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 of the Athlete Handbook. 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.
- USA Fencing is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items. Watch your equipment and personal items in the Convention Center.

#### **AWARDS:**

Fencers placing in the top eight of each event will receive medals. Fencers should present themselves to the awards area dressed in club warm-up suits or white fencing uniforms (jacket, pants and knee socks) immediately following the conclusion of the event. Shoes or fencing shoes will be worn, no sandals or hats will be worn and any suspenders will be tucked in and hair will be combed.

#### **DRUG TESTING:**

There may be drug testing. Any detection of banned substances will 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 [www.usantidoping.org](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 it is treated as elimination.

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

Event	Bout Format
Division I (DV1) Epee	<p>A preliminary pool on day 1 with the top 62 initially seeded persons receiving a bye to day 2. 75% of the preliminary pool promoted to a preliminary direct elimination table until 64 persons remain. A final pool round on day 2 with the top 62 initially seeded persons joining the 64 remaining persons from the preliminary direct elimination table. 112 persons advance from the final pool round to a final simple direct elimination table.</p> <p>Tie Breaker Note: The point standings as of the day after the entry deadline will determine the priority order of fencers and alternates. Results that change the point standings between the deadline and the competition will not affect selection. Notification of selection will be sent by email to all fencers who have entered.</p> <p>If there are ties on the point standings, it will be resolved by the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total number of points accumulated in Group II of the selection criteria. See Chapter 3 for specific details.</li> <li>• Highest points earned at a single designated World Cup or GP used in calculating the sum of points in Group II</li> <li>• Next highest points earned at a single designated World Cup or GP until there is no tie</li> <li>• Highest place at a single designated World Cup or GP</li> <li>• Next highest place at a single designated World Cup or GP until there is no tie</li> <li>• Highest place in any U.S. national point competition</li> <li>• Next highest place in any U.S. national point competition until there is no tie</li> <li>• If there is still a tie, then the Director of Sports Performance, National Weapon Coach, and a representative from the AAC will resolve the tie</li> </ul> <p>The top 62 initially seeded persons receiving a bye will be determined immediately following the close the regular fee entry period.</p> <p>Notes: All persons eliminated from the competition in day 1 will be automatically entered into a <b>Div I Epee Classification Tournament</b> event on day 2.</p> <p><b>While athletes in the Classification Tournament event on day 2 will not be eligible for Division I national points, they will be eligible to renew and upgrade their classification based on the chart located on the last page of this packet.</b></p>
Division I (DV1) Foil & Saber	<p>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.</p>
Junior (JR)	<p>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 rolling points only. Please refer to the Athlete Handbook, Chapters 6-11, for application of points.</p>
Wheelchair (CHR)	<p>Two rounds of pools; 100% promoted to direct elimination in which bouts are 15-touch bouts in three 3- minute segments. One-minute rest between rounds.</p>
Senior Team (STM)	<p>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 3rd.</p>

**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 2017-2018 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.**

Division I	<p>Seeding Principle 1: 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>Seeding Principle 2: 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 the criteria for principle 1 and who are not on the U.S. Senior Rolling Points Standing will be evaluated according to criteria used on determining classifications for foreign fencers.</p> <p>Seeding Principle 3: 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>
Junior	Fencers who have a minimum of two top 32 finishes in Junior World Cup, Grand Prix or World Championships will be ranked by their standings on the FIE Rankings then 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.
Wheelchair	National Wheelchair Point Standings, then random.
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.

**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 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 NRPS 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 (No. 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
<b>TEAM SEEDING POINTS:</b> (Sum of the best three)			<b>1835</b>		

**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 p.m. 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.

Senior Team: This is a non-championship event; there is no classification requirement. Team members must meet the required birth year. 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]. A current Competitive Membership is required (for foreign athletes, proof of FIE or membership in your Federation is required).

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:**

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. Captains or representatives will need to remain present in the venue for fencer order determination. Direct Elimination Table will be constituted and Team Captains or Representative will then determine fencer order as each match is called. 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. There is 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 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## NATIONAL EVENTS FAQs:

### ***When will the check-in times be posted?***

Check-in times are based on registration numbers and 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?***

Go to the website, click on Events then National and select the North American Cup you want to enter. Once on that page, you will see a link that says "Register Online" which takes you to the online registration.

### ***I do not know my username or password (online registration site).***

If you are not sure of your username or password please [email](mailto:nationalevents@usafencing.org) us so we can send you a username and password or answer any other questions you might have about the online registration system.

### ***Can I renew my membership as part of tournament registration (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 is the best way to find information on tournaments?***

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

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

Individual	Registration (non-refundable)	Online Admin Fee (non-refundable)	Paper Entry Admin Fee (non-refundable)	Per Event
Regular	\$ 65.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 95.00
Triple (Online Only)	\$ 195.00	\$ 15.00	N/A	\$ 285.00

Team	Registration (non-refundable)	Event Fee	Online Admin Fee (non-refundable)	Paper Entry Admin Fee (non-refundable)	Per Team Per Event
Regular	\$65.00	\$60.00	\$ 5.00	\$15.00	\$130.00 Online \$145.00 Paper Entry
Triple (Online Only)	\$195.00	\$180.00	\$ 15.00	N/A	\$ 375.00





## 2017-2018 Age/Classification Eligibility

### For 2017-2018 Local/National Tournaments & Junior Olympic Fencing Championships (Excluding July Challenge, USA Fencing National Championships & Nationals qualifying tournament through Regions and Divisions)

CATEGORY	DIVISION I	DIVISION 1A	DIVISION II	DIVISION III	SENIOR (OPEN)  See 2.11.2	WHEELCHAIR	SENIOR TEAM	VETERAN (40 & Older) / VETERAN	VETERAN 40-49	VETERAN 50-59	VETERAN 60-69	VETERAN 70 & Older	VETERAN 80 & Older	JUNIOR JR TEAM	CADET CDT TEAM	CADET	YOUTH 14	YOUTH 14 TEAM	YOUTH 12	YOUTH 10
CODE	DV1	DV1 1A	DV2	DV3	SR Open	CHR	STM	VET/VTM	V40	V50	V60	V70	V80	JR/JTM	CDT/CTM	CDT	Y14	14 TEAM	Y12	Y10
BIRTH YEARS	Born 2004 or earlier	Born 2004 or earlier	Born 2004 or earlier	Born 2004 or earlier	Born 2004 or earlier	Born 2004 or earlier	Born 2004 or earlier	Born 1978 or earlier	1969-1978	1959-1968	1949-1958	Born 1948 or earlier	Born 1938 or earlier	1998-2004	2001-2004	2001-2004	2003-2006	2003-2006	2005-2008	2007-2010
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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

### July Challenge, USA Fencing National Championships & Associated REGIONAL & DIVISION Qualifying Competitions ONLY

CATEGORY	DIVISION I	DIVISION 1A	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 2004 or earlier	Born 2004 or earlier	Born 2004 or earlier	Born 2004 or earlier	Born 2004 or earlier	1969-1978	1959-1968	1949-1958	Born 1948 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	1999-2005	2002-2005	2003-2006	2005-2008	2007-2010	Born 2004 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 2008 can fence in Y12 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 2006 can fence in Y14 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 2004 can fence in Cadet local and regional competitions, NAC Cadet tournaments and Junior Olympic Cadet Fencing Championship 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 2004 can fence in Junior local and regional competitions, NAC Junior and Junior Olympic 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 2005 can fence in Cadet competition for the 2018 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 2005 can fence in Junior competition for the 2018 July Challenge IF the fencer is on the National Cadet Point Standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
- RJCCs held between JOs regular entry fee deadline and the Junior Olympic Championship will allow fencers that meet either the Junior Olympic birth year criteria or the July Challenge birth year criteria. Those who meet only the Junior Olympic birth year criteria may only earn new classifications, but will not receive regional points.
- Division I – For national (e.g., NAC) competitions, those born after 2004 must be on the National Junior Point Standings; for the 2018 July Challenge for Division I, those born after 2005 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 2004 must be on the National Junior Point Standings; for the 2018 National Championships and qualifying competitions for Division IA, II, III; those born after 2005 must be on the National Junior Point Standings.
- A fencer who is on the National Junior Rolling Point Standings (NRPS) and is younger than 13 may compete in Senior (Open) competition

## 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 INAC 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 and 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.