

USA Fencing Classification Reference Chart

EVENT 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

Local tournaments must use at least one rated referee in order to issue classifications.
 Division I NAC and National Championships are always Group A4 events.
 Division IA NAC & National Championships are always at least Group A3 events.

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Division II NAC and National Championships are always at least Group B3 events.

Division III NAC and National Championships are always at least Group C3 events.

Changes in classifications are allowed at USA Fencing sanctioned individual events 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 events without regard to gender of fencers.

Recognized high school events may issue classification changes based on this chart and are not required to meet the C1 tournament rating. Per the Board of Directors, March 2012, classifications are no longer awarded in team championship events.