



**December North American Cup (NAC)
Cincinnati, OH | December 14 - 17, 2018**

Division I/Division II/Veteran Open/Veteran Age/Senior Team

Entrants List, Eligibility and Fees:

Please refer to the entrants list for the status of your entry. The entrants list is located on the USA Fencing website and can be located [in your profile](#) by selecting the name of the tournament and the event(s). Once you register for this tournament, you will receive an email that confirms 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.

Information on fees for paper and online entries is available on the website [event page](#) or while registering online.

Important Tournament Deadlines:

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

Registration Opens	August 22, 2018
Regular Entry Fee Deadline	October 17, 2018
Late Entry Fee Deadline (online entry only at triple total fees)	November 1, 2018
Check-in Times Posted	1-2 weeks after the regular entry fee deadline
Withdraw Deadline (email withdrawals@usafencing.org)	November 8, 2018
Classification Change Deadline (no changes will be processed for this tournament after this deadline date)	November 15, 2018

Tournament City and Travel Information:

Hotel Reservations	Please contact Group Housing .
Competition Venue	Duke Energy Convention Center 525 Elm St, Cincinnati, OH 45202
Airline Reservations	Please call the United Olympic Desk for special discounts at (800) 841-0460.
Ground Transportation	Visit the tournament event page for ground transportation discounts.



Tournament Ticketing and Admission

Beginning with the 2018-19 season, all USA Fencing national events will have ticketed admission.

Tournament passes for all national events may be purchased online at <http://usafencingtickets.eventbrite.com> or onsite at the tournament for \$5 per day or \$15 for the full tournament.

Requiring ticketed and credentialed access to the North American Cups and National Championship events will support an increased security presence at tournaments, creating a safe environment for all participants, fans and family members.

During the 2018-19 season, all individuals who hold one of the following USA Fencing memberships will receive free access to all USA Fencing national events:

- Competitive and Collegiate Competitive
- Coach
- Supporting
- Life, Olympic Life and Paralympic Life
- +CheckEd
- International Competitive License

Individuals who hold the memberships listed above must simply show their membership card onsite to receive a complimentary tournament pass for the duration of the event.

As a reminder, Supporting memberships are available for \$25 at member.usafencing.org and will grant admission to all national events during the 2018-19 season.

Children ages 10 and younger each will receive a complimentary tournament pass.

All tournament passes are valid for the purchaser or member only and may not be transferred.

Event Status and Acronyms:

Pending	Registration and event fees have been paid
Approved	Your event has been approved
Withdrawn	Either you have withdrawn from the event or your eligibility has not been determined
CDT	Cadet
JNR	Junior
DV1	Division I
DV2	Division II
DV3	Division III
D1A	Division IA
Y10	Youth 10
Y12	Youth 12
Y14	Youth 14
VET	Veteran Open
V40	Veteran 40-49
V50	Veteran 50-59
V60	Veteran 60-69
V70	Veteran 70+
STM	Senior Team
VTM	Veteran Team



2018 December NAC Event Schedule:

Date	Men's Épée	Men's Foil	Men's Saber	Women's Épée	Women's Foil	Women's Saber
Friday, December 14 th	DV1 7 – 8am	DV 12– 1pm	V40 10-11am V50 10-11am V60 10-11am V70 10-11am V80 1-2pm	DV2 11am-12pm STM 8-9am	V40 8-9am V50 8-9am V60 8-9am V70 8-9am V80 - Cancelled	DV2 7-8am
Saturday, December 15 th	1D2 7-8am D1C 1230-130pm VET 7 – 8am	V40 1-2pm V50 1-2pm V60 11:30am– 12:30pm V70 10-11am V80 2 – 3pm	VET 1-2pm STM 9-10am	V40 3-4pm V50 3-4pm V60 3-4pm V70 3-4pm V80 -- Canceled	DV1 7-8am VET 1-2pm	VET 10-11am STM - Cancelled
Sunday, December 16 th	V40 12-1pm V50 12-1pm V60 12-1pm V70 8-9am V80 12-1pm	VET 7-8am STM 1-2pm	DV1 7-8am	DV1 7-8am VET 7-8am	DV2 1-2pm	V40 1-2pm V50 1-2pm V60 1-2pm V70 1-2pm V80 - Cancelled
Monday, December 17 th	DV2 11am-12pm STM 9-10am	DV1 7-8am	DV2 11am-12pm	1D2 7-8am D1C 12-1pm	STM 12-1pm	DV1 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

Individual Event Information:

All individuals must meet qualification paths, age eligibility and/or classification requirements and be registered by the entry deadline. New tournament entries will not be accepted at the competition or after the entry deadline. Check-in is available outside the competition halls. You can check in using your membership card bar code with the scanners provided within five hours of your event. If you forget your membership card, you can check in manually with a valid ID. If you miss the designated check-in for your event, you will be taken out of the event and no refund will be issued. Fencers who withdraw from a competition for reasons other than verified medical reasons are subject to disqualification from the tournament. Fencers should not plan to leave earlier than the day after their last event as a definitive end time cannot be provided.

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 or 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.



Preliminary Seeding:

Preliminary seeding information for each day's events will be available on TV monitors in the exhibit halls and will be available on the USA Fencing website event page under "preliminary seeding." When you check in for your event, please verify the posted seeding information (name, club, division, country, rating and ranking) before the close of check-in for your event. If you see any issues, notify the Bout Committee immediately. Changes will not be made after the close of check-in.

Weapons Check:

Weapons check will be open the day prior to the first day of competition from 3-6 p.m. at the venue if the tournament equipment setup is complete. Athletes competing on the next day may be given priority during this weapons check. Weapons check will be open each competition day beginning at 7 a.m. when the venue opens to athletes and the public. Equipment vendors will be present at the venue during competition.

Weapons check will test the mask, lamé jacket or vest, gloves and body cords. Items that have passed inspection will be specially marked. The 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 for use." In foil, the use of a conductive bib is required in all competitions. Weapons check will include testing conductivity of the bib as well as ensuring cord connector functionality.

Chest Protector for Foil Fencers:

On April 12, 2018, the USA Fencing Board of Directors approved a change to the USA Fencing Rules of Competition regarding chest protectors for foil fencers.

Per Section m.25.4(c):

"At all weapons, the use of a breast/chest protector (made of metal or some rigid material) is compulsory for women and optional for men. At foil, this breast/chest protector must be worn below the protective plastron. At foil, the protector will have the following characteristics: The entire outside of the chest protector (the side facing the opponent) must be covered with a soft material such as E.V.A. (Ethylene-vinyl acetate) of four mm thickness and density of 22kg/m³. (The material can be attached to the current plastic models or incorporated into the manufacture of new chest protectors). The material must have the SEMI technical mark at the center of the upper edge."

This rule is in line with the [rule change](#) made at the 2017 FIE Congress, which began implementation at the 2018 Junior and Cadet World Championships. The rule is applicable to **foil fencers ONLY**.

The change will be effective beginning with the USA Fencing National Championships and July Challenge on June 28, 2018 for all **Division I, cadet, junior and veteran USA Fencing national events**.

Beginning Aug. 1, 2018, the rule will take effect for **all USA Fencing sanctioned events**.

The Referees' Commission along with the US SEMI Committee has issued the following clarification:

1) The rule in m.25.4 that chest protection for foil fencers must be covered by a soft material applies to ALL chest protection, regardless of style. The soft material addresses issues of competitive balance caused by the foil requirements for tip debounce, and as such, there will be no exceptions.



2) We are aware that manufacturers may not offer older-style "hubcap" protectors that conform to the rules. Therefore, fencers are allowed to retrofit their existing protectors to bring them into compliance with the rules -- that is, by attaching the required soft material to the protector. These retrofitted protectors are *NOT* required to have the manufacturer/FIE mark, but retrofitted protectors must be inspected at equipment check to ensure that they comply with the rules. Once inspected, the technician will apply the competition's inspection mark.

3) Some fencers have indicated that they wear their chest protection in such a way as to make a referee's inspection potentially invasive. For these fencers, the inspection technicians can issue the fencer an external marker (such as a card or token) that indicates their chest protection has passed inspection. The fencer may present this marker to the referee in lieu of showing the actual inspection mark on the protector itself, if the protector is worn in such a way as to make inspection invasive. The referee may ask the fencer to demonstrate, as unobtrusively as possible, that the inspected protection is indeed present under their conductive jacket/fencing jacket/plastron.

Technical Information:

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 USA Fencing Rule Book). Fencers must report to the strip immediately after their strip assignments (pool or DE) have been posted in the venue. A preliminary check will be conducted to ensure the presence of underarm plastron, second weapon and body cord and weapon check control marks. No fencer will be allowed to fence if these conditions are not met.

Fencers must wear the required clothing that includes 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 (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, warmups, camps or clinics with weapon in hand. Failure to comply may result in removal from the venue.

In all three weapons, the fencer's last name must be printed, by hand or machine, in capital letters between 8-10 cm high so that the name is legible from a distance of 15 feet. The last name can be (1) either 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, (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:

1. Y10 - #2 blade
2. Y12 - #5 blade

Competition Venue:

USA Fencing is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items that occur during tournaments. **Please** do not leave your personal belongings or competition items unattended in the tournament venue.

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 toward any USA Fencing team. There are over the counter medications that may contain banned substances and it's 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, please call the US 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 from that event.

Awarding Points:

National points are awarded for appropriate placement in Division I, junior, cadet, youth 14, youth 12, youth 10 and veteran competitions. Regional points are awarded for appropriate placement in regional tournaments. For more information on regional points, please see chapter three in the Athlete Handbook.

In the youth age groups, approximately the top 40 percent of the competitive field receives points to a maximum place or 32nd is considered for national points. If 40 percent 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 three in the Athlete Handbook.

For specific information on National Points, please review Chapter 3 in the Athlete Handbook.

Awards Protocol:

Fencers placing in the top eight of each event will receive medals. Fencers should present themselves to the awards area dressed in warm-up suits immediately following the conclusion of the event. Warm-up suits should consist of a warm-up jacket (sweat shirts, pullovers, half zips, full zips, and jackets are all acceptable, no t-shirts), warm-up pants (pants of any athletic material and style are acceptable so long as they reach the knee or below – ankles may show - shorts are not acceptable), and fencing shoes or sneakers. Hats, bandanas, and headbands are allowed. Full whites are allowed if no other options are available. They must be full whites. Half of a fencing uniform (knickers or white jacket) may not be combined with warmups.

Competition Formats:



Bouts in the pool round are five-touch bouts with a three-minute fencing time limit. For direct elimination, except where noted, maximum score of the bout is 15, with three-minute periods. There is a one-minute rest between periods. In saber direct elimination bouts, except veteran and Y10/Y12, a one-minute rest occurs when one fencer's score reaches eight or three minutes have expired in the first period, whichever occurs first. For veteran events, the one-minute rest occurs when one fencer's score reaches five touches.

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">• Total number of points accumulated in Group II of the selection criteria. See Chapter 3 for specific details.• Highest points earned at a single designated World Cup or GP used in calculating the sum of points in Group II.• Next highest points earned at a single designated World Cup or GP until there is no tie.• Highest place at a single designated World Cup or GP.• Next highest place at a single designated World Cup or GP until there is no tie• Highest place in any U.S. national point competition.• Next highest place in any U.S. national point competition until there is no tie.• 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.• The top 62 initially seeded persons receiving a bye will be determined immediately following the close the regular fee entry period. <p>Notes: All persons eliminated from the competition in day 1 will be automatically entered into a Division I Epee Classification Tournament event on day 2.</p> <p>While athletes in the Classification Tournament event on day 2 will not be eligible for Division I national points, they may be eligible to renew and upgrade their classification based on the rating of this tournament.</p>
Division I (DV1) Foil & Saber	One round of pools; 75 percent promoted to simple direct elimination. The direct elimination bouts will be 15-touch bouts in three three-minute segments. In saber, there is a one-minute break when one fencer's score reaches eight or three minutes have lapsed, whichever occurs first.
Division II (DV2)	One round of pools, five and six or six and seven persons per pool, 100 percent promoted to simple direct elimination.
Veteran (Vet Open) V40 V50 V60 V70 V80+	One round of pools, five and six or six and seven persons per pool. 100 percent promoted to direct elimination table. Bouts in direct elimination are 10-touch bouts in two three-minute periods and a one-minute break after the first three minutes of the bout. In saber, there is a one-minute break when one fencer's score reaches five or three minutes have lapsed, whichever occurs first.



Senior Team	Direct elimination from beginning of competition. Relay format with nine bouts to a maximum score of 45 – increments of five touches or maximum time of three minutes for each bout. Seeding of teams is based on the senior national points and participating fencers’ classification as of the classification deadline. Fence off for third place. No points or classifications are awarded.
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Seeding:

Fencers are responsible for checking the seeding that is 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 check-in for that event. No changes will be made after the close of registration. The Athlete Handbook has detailed information on seeding. Changes to the National Rolling Point Standings will be used for seeding domestic point competitions if the international results are submitted or posted on the FIE website at least 10 days prior to the domestic point tournament. Note: Placement within randomized groups (same classification and year) is not static and may change whenever any seeding information for that event is changed. No changes in classification achieved in events at this tournament are made during the tournament. Changes are made to fencers’ records by the USA Fencing National Office, will be effective following the tournament.

Division IA	Classification by letter and year – within the same class and year, random
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 standing on the FIE World Rankings as of 10 days prior to the first day of the national tournament.</p> <p>Seeding Principle 2: Following the fencers who meet Seeding Principle 1 will be fencers who are on the Senior Rolling Point Standings. Foreign fencers, who do not meet Seeding Principle 1, will be placed within the National Point Standings according to the point total of their results in NAC competitions counted in the current 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 classification 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. Fencers in any one letter and year group will be distributed randomly within that group.</p>
Division II	Classification by letter and year, random within the same class and year. If a fencer meets the classification requirement when their entry is processed by USA Fencing, and subsequently earns a higher classification, the fencer retains eligibility for that tournament.
Veteran (VET)	Classification (A, B, C, D, E, U) by letter and year. Same class and year are randomized.
V40 V50 V60 V70	Top 8 in National Age Group standings, then ranking within classification, then classification/year.
V80	By ranking in V70 National Points, then by letter and year.
Senior Team	Seeding of teams is based on Senior National Points and participating fencers’ classification as of the classification deadline. Teams with the same seed value are randomized.

Teams Seeding 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 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 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	0	C14	440	440
C	0	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 after I qualify for Division II or II, can I still fence in the National Championships?

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 if I am fencing in the National Championships and July Challenge?

While the USA Fencing National Championships and July Challenge have different names, registration is treated as one tournament in the same registration database.

What time will the tournament end each day?

There is no way to determine the *exact end time* for events at national tournaments. If you schedule your flight for the same day as your event, your event may not finish in time for you to catch your flight.

What is the best way to find out information about this tournament

Go to usafencing.org and click on the tournament event page (click Events, then the specific national tournament).



USA Fencing Classification Chart (as of July 2009)

COMPETITION RATING	MINIMUM NO. COMPETITORS	RATED FENCERS REQUIRED	RATED FENCERS MUST FINISH	CLASSIFICATIONS AWARDED
GROUP E1	6	NONE	N/A	1 E
GROUP D1	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 I NAC and National Championships are always Group A4 competitions.
- Division IA NAC and 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 ward changes in classification.
- High School recognized competitions are not required to meet the C1 tournament requirement to award classifications.
- USA Fencing does not permit classification changes at mixed competitions without regard to gender of fencers.