



**USA Fencing National Championships and July Challenge Columbus,  
Ohio | June 28 – July 7, 2019**

DV1A/DV2/DV3/VET Age/Y10/Y12/Y14 Championships  
DV1/JNR/CDT/SNR & VET Team July Challenge

Congratulations on qualifying for the USA Fencing National Championships and July Challenge! You have worked hard to compete in this prestigious tournament and we hope you have an excellent competitive experience. For more information on this tournament, our host city as well as the important updates, various meetings and special events during the competition, please visit the USA Fencing National Championships and July Challenge [event page](#).

**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	February 20, 2019
Division or Regional Qualification Result Forms Due	May 8, 2019
Regular Entry Fee Deadline	May 15, 2019
Petition Deadline	May 15, 2019
Late Entry Fee Deadline (online entry only at triple total fees)	May 29, 2019
Check-in Times Posted	1-2 weeks after the regular entry fee deadline
Withdraw Deadline (email <a href="mailto:withdrawals@usafencing.org">withdrawals@usafencing.org</a> )	June 12, 2019
Classification Change Deadline (no changes will be processed for this tournament after this deadline date)	June 12, 2019
Country of Representation Deadline for National Championships Only	June 12, 2019

**Tournament City and Travel Information:**

Hotel Reservations	Please contact <a href="#">Group Housing</a> .
Competition Venue	<a href="#">Greater Columbus Convention Center</a> 400 N High St. Columbus, OH 43215
Airline Reservations	Please call the United Olympic Desk for special discounts at (800) 841-0460.
Ground Transportation	Visit the tournament <a href="#">event page</a> for ground transportation discounts.



**2019 USA Fencing National Championships and July Challenge Event Schedule:**

Date	Men's Épée	Men's Foil	Men's Saber	Women's Épée	Women's Foil	Women's Saber
Friday, June 28th	DV1 12-1pm <i>Finals: 7pm</i>		JNR 10-11am	JNR 7-8am	DV1 7-8am <i>Finals 200pm</i>	
Saturday, June 29th	STM 10-11am	JNR 7-8am	D1A 7-8am	D1A 7-8am	STM 1-2pm	JNR 12-1pm
Sunday, June 30th	JNR 2-3pm	STM 11am-12pm	DV1 12:30-1:30pm <i>Semis: 6:30pm</i> V40 7-8am V50 7-8am V60 7-8am V70 7-8am V80 11am-12pm	DV1 7-8am <i>Finals: 230pm</i> V40 9:30-10:30am V50 9:30-10:30am V60 9:30-10:30am V70 9:30-10:30 <b>V80 Cancelled</b>	JNR 7-8am	STM 10-11am
Monday, July 1st	D1A 7-8am	D1A 7-8am	CDT 11am-12pm VTM 7-8am STM 12-1pm	CDT 12-1pm VTM 10-11am STM 12-1pm	D1A 12-1pm	DV1 7-8am <i>Semis: 1230pm</i>
Tuesday, July 2nd	CDT 12-1pm V40 9-10am V50 9-10am V60 7-8am V70 7-8am V80 12-1pm	DV1 7-8am <i>Finals: 315pm</i>	Y14 7-8am		CDT 1-2pm V40 7-8am V50 7-8am V60 7-8am V70 7-8am <b>V80 Cancelled</b>	D1A 2-3pm
Wednesday, July 3rd	DV2 7-8am VTM 10-11am	CDT 2:30-3:30pm V40 7-8am V50 7-8am V60 7-8am V70 7-8am V80 12-1pm		Y14 1-2pm	DV2 7-8am VTM 8-9am	CDT 9-10am V40 7-8am V50 7-8am V60 7-8am V70 7-8am <b>V80 Cancelled</b>
Thursday, July 4th	Y14 7-8am	DV2 1-2pm VTM 1-2pm	DV3 10-11am	DV3 3-4pm	Y14 7-8am	DV2 1-2pm VTM 10-11am
Friday, July 5th	DV3 1-2pm	Y14 7-8am	DV2 10-11am	DV2 7-8am	DV3 1-2pm	Y14 2-3pm
Saturday, July 6th	Y12 1-2pm	DV3 1-2pm Y10 7-8am	Y12 2-3pm	Y12 7-8am	Y12 7-8am	DV3 10-11am Y10 7-8am
Sunday, July 7th	Y10 7-8am	Y12 7-8am	Y10 11am-12pm	Y10 12-1pm	Y10 12-1pm	Y12 7-8am

**Event Status and Acronyms:**

Pending	Registration and event fees have been paid
Approved	Your event has been approved
Denied	Your eligibility has not been determined. Please email <a href="mailto:nationalevents@usafencing.org">nationalevents@usafencing.org</a>
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
V40	Veteran 40-49
V50	Veteran 50-59
V60	Veteran 60-69
V70	Veteran 70+
STM	Senior Team
VTM	Veteran Team

#### **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.

Individual championship events are only open to U.S. citizens or U.S. Permanent Residents who have not represented another country internationally at an FIE senior, junior or veteran competition in the last three years, unless athlete has been approved by the relevant FIE statutes to officially switch fencing nationality.

Qualification is required for the championship events. For the July Challenge (this is not an open NAC), there are specific restricted criteria 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 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. If a fencer starts the individual 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 deadline. No team entries will be accepted at the tournament or after the posted entry deadlines. The members of each team must be registered for an individual event at the tournament to fence on the team. ***If a member of the team is only fencing the team event, he or she must register and pay the individual registration and admin fees to fence on the team.***

#### **Team Captain:**



On competition day, the team captain or a representative (one from each team only) must check in the team at the Bout Committee team table during the scheduled check-in time. The team captain will then determine the accuracy of the team roster. The team captain must check in, 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 and Veteran Teams:**

Senior and veteran team events are non-championship events, so there is no classification requirement, but 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 or veteran team without regard for club representation, affiliation or division membership. Classifications are not awarded in team events. All team members must be current Competitive, Collegiate or Foreign USA Fencing members.

#### **At the Venue – Teams:**

1. All team captains or representatives will be required to check in with the Bout Committee at the team table in the exhibit halls. Team captains will verify members of his or her team and make changes at this time. After this is complete, no additional changes will be accepted. 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. A direct elimination table will be constituted and the team captain or representative will then determine fencer order as each match is called.
4. The higher seeded team will automatically be designated as the “winner of the coin flip” and assigned the -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 a coin flip.
5. Format: direct elimination from the beginning of competition. Relay format, nine bouts to a maximum score of 45 – increments of five touches or maximum time of three minutes for each bout. Fence off for third.

#### **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 staring 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.

#### **Unwillingness to Fight Rule:**



All USA Fencing members are advised that t.124 of the USA Fencing Rulebook, "Unwillingness to Fight" has been updated and will be in use at all USA Fencing events beginning on Feb. 14, 2019, including the 2019 Junior Olympic Championships.

This rule change is being made in accordance with the changes made by the Federation Internationale d'Esgrime to the FIE Rulebook, effective Jan. 1, 2019 and following the release of the FAQ on t.124 by the FIE on Jan. 29.

For further information regarding the rule changes to t.124 in the USA Fencing Rulebook please [click here](#).

#### **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/m<sup>3</sup>. (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
3. 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](http://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.

**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 IA Division II Division III	One round of pools, five and six or six and seven persons per pool, 80 percent promoted to simple direct elimination.
Division I épée, 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.
Junior & Cadet	One round of pools, five and six or six and seven persons per pool; 80 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.
Youth 14	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 15-touch bouts in three three-minute segments with one-minute breaks. In saber, there is a one-minute break when one fencer's score reaches eight or three minutes have lapsed, whichever occurs first.



Youth 12	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 15-touch bouts in three three-minute segments with one-minute breaks. In saber, there is a one-minute break when one fencer's score reaches eight or three minutes have lapsed, whichever occurs first.
Youth 10	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 segments with one-minute break with expiration of time or when the first fencer reaches five touches. At all youth 10 competitions, maximum blade length is 32.5" long.
Veteran Age	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.
Veteran 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 veteran national points and participating fencers' classification as of the classification deadline. Fence off for third place. No points or classifications are awarded.

\*\*\*Unless there are eight or fewer in the competition, then 100 percent promoted.

**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.

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>LOCAL</b>	<b>DIVISION/REGIONAL</b>	<b>NATIONAL</b>
Open Competitions, Division I, IA NACs, Div I July Challenge (National only)	Classification/Year	DVIA: Nat'l Senior Rolling Points the classification/year.  DV2:	National Senior Rolling Points, then Classification/Year. Same class and year are randomized.





Division IA	N/A	Classification/Year only	National Senior 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.
Division II, III	Classification/Year	Classification/Year	Classification/Year
Veteran Age	Classification/Year	Classification/Year	Top 8 in National Age Group, standings, then ranking with classification, then classification/year.
Junior NAC & July Challenge			National Junior Rolling Points, then classification/year. Same class and year are randomized.
Cadet	Classification/year	National Cadet Rolling Points, then classification/year	National Cadet Rolling Points, then classification/year
Youth 14	Classification/year	National Youth 14 Rolling Points, then classification/year	National Youth 14 Rolling Points, then classification/year
Youth 12	Classification/year	National Youth 12 Rolling Points, then classification/year	National Youth 12 Rolling Points, then classification/year
Youth 10	Classification/year	National Youth 10 Rolling Points, then classification/year	National Youth 10 Rolling Points, then classification/year
Senior Team	Seeding is based on Senior National Points and participating fencers' classification/year as of posted entry deadlines OR classification and year only	Seeding is based on Senior National Points and participating fencers' classification/year as of posted entry deadlines OR classification and year only	Seeding is based on Senior National Points and participating fencers' classification/year as of posted entry deadlines.
Veteran Team	Seeding is based on Veteran Open National Points and participating fencers' classification/year as of posted entry deadlines OR classification and year only	Seeding is based on Veteran Open National Points and participating fencers' classification/year as of posted entry deadlines OR classification and year only	Seeding is based on Veteran Open National Points and participating fencers' classification/year as of posted entry deadlines.



**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 III, 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](http://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)	top 8 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



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- 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.