



## USA FENCING TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

**NORTH AMERICAN CUP – NAC “A”:  
Cincinnati, OH: OCTOBER 15-18, 2010**

**DIVISION I (DV1) / DIVISION II (DV2) / VETERAN / WHEELCHAIR**

Please refer to the *Confirmed Entry List* for the status of your entry. The *Confirmed Entry List* is posted on the NAC A tournament web page on the US Fencing website ([www.usfencing.org](http://www.usfencing.org)). You will need to verify each event for which you registered your classification for each weapon, and division information. Report any discrepancies to U.S. Fencing immediately by e-mail ([amanda.noble@usfencing.org](mailto:amanda.noble@usfencing.org)), by fax (719-325-8998) or by phone at (719-866-4511). The USFA National Office must receive changes to the information on the confirmed entry list by Monday, October 11, 2010. If you represent a country other than the USA, please indicate this information on your Entry Form, along with the USFA Division in which you are a member.

Online registration is available at [www.railstation.org/usfencing](http://www.railstation.org/usfencing) at no additional fee; the Confirmed Entrants list is updated upon completion of the online entry and payment process and an email will be sent to the email address on record. All paper entries will have a \$10 processing fee. If you registered for the tournament via fax, mail or email you must have an email confirmation as your proof the entry was received. The USFA no longer faxes back confirmation forms. The email back does not guarantee eligibility only that your entry was received. It takes 2-3 days to process entries received by mail or fax. Please confirm that your name appears on the Confirmed Entrant List for each event you registered for. If you are missing any of your events please contact the office immediately. The Confirmed Entrant list for each National Tournament is updated accordingly.

**Classification Change Forms must be received by Monday, October 4, 2010. Classification changes received after this date will not be reflected in NAC A.** You MUST confirm your name is on the Confirmed Entrant List for each event and bring your 2010-2011 USFA Membership Card to the check-in area at the venue. Please check the confirmed entrants every week.

**Written notification of withdrawal** by e-mail, fax or mail must be received by the USFA by Monday, October 11, 2010 for a refund of event fees. Withdrawal information can be emailed to [information@usfencing.org](mailto:information@usfencing.org) or [Amanda.noble@usfencing.org](mailto:Amanda.noble@usfencing.org). No refunds will be given for withdrawals after October 11<sup>th</sup>. Post marks do not count, they must be in the office on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Refunds are processed 4-6 weeks after the tournament.

**SCHEDULE:**

	Men's Epee	Men's Foil	Men's Sabre	Women's Epee	Women's Foil	Women's Sabre
Friday Oct 15	Veteran - PM Wheelchair - AM	Division I - AM	Vet 50-59 - PM Vet 60-69 - PM Vet 70+ - PM	Division II - AM Wheelchair - PM	Division I - PM	Vet 50-59 - AM Vet 60-69 - AM Vet 70+ - AM
Saturday Oct 16	Division I - AM	Division II - AM Wheelchair - AM	Veteran - AM	Vet 50-59 - PM Vet 60-69 - PM Vet 70+ - PM	Veteran - PM Wheelchair - PM	Division I - AM
Sunday Oct 17	Vet 50-59 - PM Vet 60-69 - PM Vet 70+ - PM	Veteran - PM	Division II - PM Wheelchair - AM	Division I - AM	Division II - AM	Veteran - PM Wheelchair - PM
Monday Oct 18	Division II - AM	Vet 50-59 - PM Vet 60-69 - PM Vet 70+ - PM	Division I - AM	Veteran - PM	Vet 50-59 - AM Vet 60-69 - AM Vet 70+ - AM	Division II - AM

- **AM/PM projections: Competitions designated as "AM" may be moved to an afternoon Check-In once event numbers are known and as warranted by available tournament resources. Competitions designated as "PM" may have a Check-In as early as 10:30 am.**
- Competition begins approximately 30-60 minutes after the close of Check-In, as tournament conditions warrant.
- Check-In times for NACs will be posted approximately one week after the regular entry deadline. Check-In times for Championships will be posted approximately one week after the triple fee entry deadline.
- **Fencers must check in within the indicated hours or they will be eliminated from the event. Fencers must check in each day they are competing. Fencers may enter only one event per day.**

**HOTEL:****For All USFA Hotel Reservations:****Millennium Hotel****Contact Tournament Housing Services (THS)**

Reservations by Phone: 888-536-TEAM

Reservations Online: [www.thsweb.com](http://www.thsweb.com)**VENUE:**

Duke Energy Convention Center  
525 Elm St.  
Cincinnati, OH 45202

**AIRLINE RESERVATIONS:**

For a discount on travel arrangements with United Airlines, the Official USFA travel partner, call the United Airlines Olympic Desk at 800-841-0460 or visit [www.united.com/usoc](http://www.united.com/usoc) and use event code 565ED.

**GROUND TRANSPORTATION: Taxi Service****PARKING:****RENTAL CAR:**

To reserve an **Avis** rental car, please use this USFA Code:  
**(AWD) B740999**

**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 am.** 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 for other than verified medical reasons 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.

**WEAPONS CHECK:**

Weapons check will be open each day of the competition at 7:00 am. Competitors with events on Friday may be given priority to have their weapons checked from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm on Thursday at the venue IF the set-up for the Tournament has been completed. Weapons check will test the mask, lamé jacket, gloves and body cords. Items that have passed inspection will be specially marked. Masks must have sewn-in bibs. 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”. 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> weapon and body cord, weapon check control marks. No fencer will be allowed to fence if these conditions are not met.

**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 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. U.S. 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.

In all three weapons, each fencer’s last name must be printed legibly from a distance of 15 feet, by hand or machine, in capital letters between 8 and 10 cm high: 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.**

The use of an FIE certified uniform and mask is not required for USFA 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; and
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.

Saber blades marked with the year of manufacture and/or conforming to the new, stiffer FIE standards are required for all USFA competitions except Youth 10 competitions. The requirement for the new saber blades will necessitate a flexibility test at USFA National competitions. Even when the year is specified on a blade, there is no guarantee that the blade will pass the flexibility test. Allow additional time for weapons check at these competitions.

**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 towards any U.S. 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 USFA 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, the fencer will be excluded (a black card will be issued) from that competition. BOD 9/2006

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

<b>Event</b>	<b>Bout Format</b>
Division I (DV1) <b>Epee Only</b> <b>BOD 7/2010</b>	One round of pools; 75% promoted to direct elimination with repêchage from 32 (if table of 32 is incomplete, no Repêchage), whichever is a complete table. Direct elimination bouts are 15-touch bouts in three 3-minute segments. Points awarded to top 40% (maximum of 32) of the competitive field to the nearest quadrant of the direct elimination tableau. In Division I NAC and Junior NAC for <b>men's epee only</b> , points will be awarded for places 33-64 if the competitive field has at least 160 fencers. These points will be used to aid in seeding the large competitive fields of these events. Though the fencers will be shown on the rolling point standings to more accurately seed Division I and Junior NAC epee competitions, the fencers still need to have a minimum of 275 and 165 points respectively to be considered for any qualifying paths to Senior or Junior Championships.
Division I (DV1) <b>Foil &amp; Sabre</b>	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 awarded to top 40% (maximum of 32) of the competitive field to the nearest quadrant of the direct elimination tableau.
Division II (DV2)	One round of pools; 100% promoted to simple direct elimination in which bouts are 15-touch bouts in three 3-minute segments, 1-minute break between segments. In saber, there is a 1-minute break when one fencer's score reaches 8 or 3 minutes have lapsed whichever occurs first.
Veterans (40 & Older) Vet 50-59 Vet 60-69 Vet 70+	One round of pools of 5 and 6 or 6 and 7 person pools; 100% promoted to simple direct elimination tableau. The direct elimination bouts will be 10-touch bouts with two 3-minute periods and a one-minute break after the first 3-minutes of the bout. In saber, there is a 1-minute break when one fencer's score reaches 8 or 3 minutes have lapsed whichever occurs first. Points are awarded to a maximum place of 64; there is no percentage cut off based on size of field.
Wheelchair	Two rounds of pools; 100% promoted from each round to direct elimination in which bouts are 15-touch bouts in three 3-minute segments. One-minute rest between rounds.

**AGE RULES: For National Tournaments 2010-2011 (Excluding Summer Nationals & SN Qualifying Tournaments)**

CATEGORY	DIVISION I	DIVISION II	DIVISION III	WHEELCHAIR	VETERAN (40 & Older)	VETERAN 50-59	VETERAN 60-69	VETERAN 70 & Older	UNDER 20 (JUNIOR) & U20TM	UNDER 17 (CADET)	YOUTH 14	YOUTH 12	YOUTH 10
CODE	DV1	DV2	DV3	CHR	VET	V50	V60	V70	U20/JTM	U17	Y14	Y12	Y10
BIRTH YEARS	Born 1997 or earlier	Born 1997 or earlier	Born 1997 or earlier	Born 1997 or earlier	Born 1970 or earlier	9/2/51-9/1/61	9/2/41-9/1/51	Born 9/2/41 or earlier	1991-1997	1994-1997	1996-1999	1998-2001	2000-2003
CLASS	AB,ORC	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

1. Division I, IA, II, III – For all local, regional (including ROC) and national (e.g., NAC) those born after 1997 **must be** on the National Under 20 (Junior) point standings; for the 2011 National Championships and qualifying competitions for Division I, IA, II, and III those born after 1998 **must be** on the National Under 19 (Junior) point standings.

## **NATIONAL EVENTS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

### ***What are the deadlines for this tournament?***

#### **October 15-18, 2010 (Fri-Mon) Division I (DV1), Division II (DV2), Veteran, Wheelchair**

Deadline for Entries at Regular Fees:	August 30, 2010
Late Entry Period at Triple Fees:	August 31-September 6, 2010
Deadline for Classification Changes:	October 4, 2010
Withdrawal Deadline:	October 11, 2010

***I am trying to talk with someone in National Events, but I can't get through to a real person.*** The National Events phones are very busy throughout the tournament season. If you have a question, leave a voice message for the individual you are trying to reach or call the main desk at 719-866-4511. If you need an immediate answer, email the question to: [information@usfencing.org](mailto:information@usfencing.org). Please do not leave a message at every extension in the office. It only slows the process and creates confusion for everyone.

***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 competition may not finish in time for you to catch your flight.

***Why is it better to use the online registration versus sending in a paper entry form?*** With online registration you receive a confirmation right away and appear on the confirmed entrants list (does not apply to championships). When an entry form is faxed or mailed in we have to process the payment, enter the fencer manually, and email back a confirmation. Paper entries take 2-3 days to process. There is also an additional \$10 fee on the paper entries.

***I do not know my username or password for Rail Station (online registration site).*** If you are not sure of your username or password please email [information@usfencing.org](mailto:information@usfencing.org) so we can get you a username and password or answer any other questions you might have about RailStation.

***Can I renew my membership as part of tournament registration on Rail Station (online registration site).*** If your membership is not a current competitive membership, you will be required to update your membership for the season.

***What if I am on the appropriate point standings but not within the eligible birth years, can I register for a tournament on Rail Station (online registration site).*** Yes, the current point standings have been imported into your membership profile.

***What is the best way to find out information on tournaments?*** Go to [www.usfencing.org](http://www.usfencing.org) click on the events tab and select the tournament you would like more information on (i.e. NAC A, NAC B, and so on). If your question is not answered there, please do not hesitate to email one of the National Events Staff Members.

***Does this tournament qualify me for a Championship?*** Please see Chapter 2 of the Athlete's Handbook for qualification paths. If your question is not answered there, please do not hesitate to email one of the National Events Staff Members.

## USFA CLASSIFICATION REFERENCE CHART

COMPETITION RATING	MINIMUM NBR COMPETITORS	RATED FENCERS REQUIRED	RATED FENCERS MUST FINISH	CLASSIFICATIONS AWARDED
GROUP E1	<b>6</b>	NONE	N/A	1 → E
GROUP D1 Changed per BOD 7/09	<b>15</b>	4 E's (or higher)	2 E's (or higher) in top 8	1 → D 2-4 → E
GROUP C1	<b>15</b>	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	<b>25</b>	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	<b>64</b>	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	<b>15</b>	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	<b>25</b>	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	<b>64</b>	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	<b>15</b>	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	<b>25</b>	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	<b>64</b>	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	<b>64</b>	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 I-A 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 USFA sanctioned individual competitions 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).**

The USFA does permit classification changes at mixed competitions without regard to gender of fencers.