



USA FENCING TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

NORTH AMERICAN CUP "C":

Dallas, TX: JANUARY 14-17, 2011

Division I (DV1) /Under 20 (Junior)/Under 17 (Cadet)

Please refer to the *Confirmed Entry List* for the status of your entry. The *Confirmed Entry List* is posted on the NAC C tournament web page on the US Fencing website (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), 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, January 10, 2011. 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 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 Changes must be received by Friday, January 3, 2011. Classification changes received after this date will not be reflected in the NAC C Tournament. You MUST bring your 2010-2011 USFA Membership Card, photo ID, or FIE License to the check-in area at the venue.

Written notification of withdrawal by e-mail, fax or mail must be received by the USFA by Monday, January 10, 2011 for a refund of event fees. No refunds will be given for withdrawals after January 10th. Refunds are processed 4-6 weeks after the tournament. If a withdrawal is necessary after the deadline, please contact our office at 719-866-4511.

SCHEDULE:

	Men's Epee	Men's Foil	Men's Sabre	Women's Epee	Women's Foil	Women's Sabre
Friday Jan 14		Division I – AM	Under 20 – PM	Under 20 – AM	Under 17 - AM	
Saturday Jan 15	Division I – AM	Under 17 - AM		Under 17 – PM	Under 20 – PM	Division I – AM
Sunday Jan 16	Under 17 – AM	Under 20 – AM	Division I – AM	Division I – PM		Under 17 – PM
Monday Jan 17	Under 20 – AM		Under 17 – AM		Division I – AM	Under 20 - PM

- **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:****Sheraton**

Contact Tournament Housing Services (THS)

Reservations by Phone: 888-536-TEAM

Reservations Online: www.thsweb.com**VENUE:**

Dallas Convention Center (Hall A)

650 S. Griffin St.

Dallas, TX 75202

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 and use event code 565ED.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION:**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 hours 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, 2nd 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 protectors. 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 or lame between the shoulders; (2) on the front or side of the thigh of the “rear” leg; or (3) on a piece of fabric or lame 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

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 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 (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.

Event	Bout Format
Under 20 (Junior) Epee Only BOD 7/2010	One round of pools; 80% promoted to direct elimination with repêchage from 32 or 16, 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. *NOTE: This season points will be awarded for 33-64 placements for Division I and Junior NAC Men's Epee if the competitive field is 160 fencers or more.
Under 20 (Junior) Foil & Sabre	One round of pools; 80% promoted to direct elimination. Direct elimination bouts are 15-touch bouts in three 3-minute segments. In sabre, the first period will end either when the three minutes have passed or when the score of one of the fencers has reached 8 touches. Points awarded to top 40% (maximum of 32) of the competitive field to the nearest quadrant of the direct elimination tableau.
Under 17 (Cadet) Epee Only BOD 7/2010	One round of pools; 80% promoted to direct elimination with repêchage from 32 or 16, 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.
Under 17 (Cadet) Foil & Sabre	One round of pools; 80% promoted to direct elimination. Direct elimination bouts are 15-touch bouts in three 3-minute segments. In sabre, the first period will end either when the three minutes have passed or when the score of one of the fencers has reached 8 touches. Points awarded to top 40% (maximum of 32) of the competitive field to the nearest quadrant.
Division I (DV1) Epee Only BOD 7/2010	One round of pools; 75% promoted to direct elimination with repêchage from 32 or 16, wherever the table is complete. 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. *NOTE: This season points will be awarded for 33-64 placements for Division I and Junior NAC Men's Epee if the competitive field is 160 fencers or more.
Division I (DV1) Foil & Sabre	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.

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	A, B, <u>OR</u> C	C, D, E <u>OR</u> U	D, E <u>OR</u> U	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

1. Cadet (U17) – A fencer born after 1997 can fence in Cadet (U17) local and regional competitions, NAC Cadet tournament and Junior Olympic Cadet (U17) Fencing Championships qualifying round, **IF** the fencer is on the National Youth 14 point standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
2. Junior (U20) – A fencer born after 1997 can fence in Junior (U20) local and regional competitions, NAC Junior (U20) and Junior Olympic Junior (U20) Fencing Championships qualifying round, **IF** the fencer is on the National Cadet (U17) point standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
3. 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, III those born after 1998 **must be** on the National Under 19 (Junior) point standings.

USA Fencing Frequently Asked Questions:

What are all the deadlines for this tournament?

January 14-17, 2011 (Fri-Mon) Division (DV1)/ Junior (U20)/ Cadet (U17)

Deadline for Entries at Regular Fees:	November 15, 2010
Late Entry Period at Triple Fees:	November 16-29, 2010
Deadline for Classification Changes:	January 3, 2011
Withdrawal Deadline	January 10, 2011

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. 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 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 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	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 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.