



## USA FENCING TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

### NORTH AMERICAN CUP - NAC "E"

Division I & Wheelchair National Championships  
Portland, OR: April 15-18, 2011

DIVISION I (DV1) / YOUTH 14 (Y14) / YOUTH 12 (Y12)  
/ YOUTH 10 (Y10)/Wheelchair (CHR) / DIVISION I  
TEAM / YOUTH 14 TEAM

Please refer to the *Confirmed Entry List* for the status of your entry. The *Confirmed Entry List* is posted on the NAC E 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, April 11, 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](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 Changes must be received by April 4, 2011. Classification changes received after this date will not be reflected in NAC E.** You MUST bring your USFA *Stamped Fax Back Confirmation, Printed Online Registration or Email Confirmation* and your 2010-2011 USFA Membership Card 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, April 11, 2011 for a refund of event fees. No refunds will be given for withdrawals after April 11th. 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.

### Division I Championship Qualification

Fencers qualify for these Championships via the national senior point standings, top Junior and Cadet adjusted point standings, top placements from the last Division IA and Division II National Championships or named by the U.S. Modern Pentathlon Association. (See the 2010-2011 Athlete Handbook, Chapter 2, Section 11 for qualification criteria).

## DIVISION I TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

There must be a minimum of 6 teams entered in a weapon event by the regular fee entry deadline for the event to be held.

Teams must meet the criteria below:

- All Club Teams and team members must be current club and competitive USFA members respectively.
- No more than 3 teams per USFA member club per event will be allowed to enter.
- Members of the team must be born in 1997 or earlier
- Members of the team must be A, B, or C classification
- Members of the team must have represented the Club at a competition during the 2010-2011 Season.
- Club Team members must be U.S. citizens or Permanent Residents who have not represented another country in the past three years, and have represented the club in USFA competitions this season.

**Youth 14 Teams** – The Youth 14 team events are being provided as trail event at the April 2011 NAC **ONLY**; future Youth 14 team events are not guaranteed to be scheduled. There must be a minimum of 6 teams entered in a weapon event by the regular fee entry deadline for the event to be held.

Youth 14 teams will follow the same format, seeding and composition used for non-championship team events. Composition of all non-championship team events held at the national level will not have club or division affiliation requirements. Any three or four fencers that are gender-, age- and/or classification-eligible for the event may enter a team. [BoD, July 2010].

### SCHEDULE:

|                      | Men's Epee  | Men's Foil  | Men's Sabre                                       | Women's Epee                     | Women's Foil                     | Women's Sabre                      |
|----------------------|---|---|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Friday<br>April 15   | Division I – AM                                   | Youth 10 – PM<br>Y14 Team – AM                    | Youth 12 - AM<br>Wheelchair – AM<br>DVI Team – AM | Youth 10 – PM<br>Y14 Team – PM   | Youth 12 – PM<br>DVI Team – PM   | Division I – PM<br>Wheelchair – PM |
| Saturday<br>April 16 | Youth 12 - AM<br>Wheelchair – AM<br>DVI Team – AM | Youth 14 – PM                                     | Division I – AM                                   | Youth 14 - PM<br>Wheelchair – PM | Division I – AM                  | Youth 12 – PM<br>DVI Team – AM     |
| Sunday<br>April 17   | Youth 10 – PM<br>Y14 Team – AM                    | Youth 12 - PM<br>Wheelchair – AM<br>DVI Team – PM | Youth 14 – PM                                     | Division I – AM                  | Youth 14 - AM<br>Wheelchair – PM | Youth 10 – AM<br>Y14 Team – PM     |
| Monday<br>April 18   | Youth 14 – AM                                     | Division I – AM                                   | Youth 10 – PM<br>Y14 Team – AM                    | Youth 12 – PM<br>DVI Team – PM   | Youth 10 – AM<br>Y14 Team – PM   | Youth 14 - 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:****Doubletree Hotel****Contact Tournament Housing Services (THS)**

The Official Housing Company of US Fencing  
Reservations by Phone: 888-536-TEAM (8326)  
Reservations Online: [www.thsweb.com](http://www.thsweb.com)

**VENUE:**

Oregon Convention Center (Hall C & D)  
777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd  
Portland, OR 97232

**AIR 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.

**CAR RENTAL:**

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

**TRANSPORTATION:****Light Rail- Doubletree to Venue:**

Start at Doubletree - Lloyd Center in Portland  
Walk west from Doubletree - Lloyd Center to NE Multnomah & 9th  
Board the 70-12th Avenue to Rose Qtr TC  
Get off at NE Multnomah & 3rd  
Walk 0.3 mile south to Oregon Convention Center (777 NE Martin Luther King Blvd)  
Time: 13 minutes (including 10 minute walk) | Cost: \$2/adult;  
\$1.50 youth/student

**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 at 7:00 am on competition days. 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 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 masks for all weapons, all lamè materials (i.e., jackets for foil and saber, and gloves for saber), and all cords (body for all weapons, mask for sabre, bib for foil, when used). Masks must pass the 12-kg punch test. Equipment must conform to regulations (see information below). 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 cuissard/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. The lower front of foil lames must be cut according to the drawing in the rule book (m.28.6). 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, either by hand or machine, so as to be legible from a distance of 15 feet in dark blue capital letters: either (1) on the back of the uniform or lamè between the shoulders; (2) on the front or side of the thigh of the "rear" leg; or (3) on a piece of fabric or lamè 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:

Have at least two layers;

Include a sleeve down to the elbow without opening or seam in the region of the armpit; and

Ensure the best possible protection. It may be fixed to the jacket without being entirely sewn in.

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 which must have a hold-down loop must overlap the metallic jacket that, itself, must overlap the cloth jacket.

Saber blades marked with the year of manufacture (\$200 or higher) and/or conforming to the current FIE standards are required for all USFA competitions except Youth 10 competitions. The requirement for the new saber blades may 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 or during the pool round or a 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  |
|------------------|--|
| Youth 14         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ One round of pools</li> <li>○ 100% promoted to direct elimination tableau. Bouts in direct elimination are 15-touch bouts in three - 3-minute segments with 1-minute breaks. In saber, bouts are fenced to 15 touches with a 1-minute break when the first fencer reaches 8 touches or after the first three minutes of the encounter, whichever occurs first.</li> </ul> |
| Youth 12, 10     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ One round of pools</li> <li>○ 100% promoted to direct elimination tableau in which bouts are best 2 out of 3, 5-touch bouts, 1 minute rest between bouts.</li> <li>○ <b>At all Youth 10 competitions, blade length must be either 30" or 32" long</b></li> </ul>  |
| Division I (DVI) | One round of pools; 80% 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.               |
| Wheelchair       | One round of pools; 100% promoted to direct elimination in which bouts are 15-touch bouts in three 3-minute segments. One-minute rest between rounds.  |
| Division I Teams | Direct elimination from beginning of competition. Relay format, 9 bouts to a maximum score of 45 – increments of 5 touches or maximum time of 3 minutes for each bout. Seeding of teams based on Senior national points and participating fencers' classifications as of stated deadlines. Fence off for 3 <sup>rd</sup> .   |
| Youth 14 Teams   | Direct elimination from beginning of competition. Relay format, 9 bouts to a maximum score of 45 – increments of 5 touches or maximum time of 3 minutes for each bout. Seeding of teams based on Youth 14 national points and participating fencers' classifications as of stated deadlines. Fence off for 3 <sup>rd</sup> .   |

**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. Youth 12 – A fencer born after 2001 can fence in Youth 12 **IF** the fencer is on the National Youth 10 point standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
2. Youth 14 – A fencer born after 1999 can fence in Youth 14 **IF** the fencer is on the National Youth 12 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.

## NATIONAL EVENTS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

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

#### ***April 15-18, 2011 (Fri-Mon) Division I/Youth 14/12/10 & Wheelchair Championships***

|                                       |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Deadline for Entries at Regular Fees: | March 14, 2011    |
| Late Entry Period at Triple Fees:     | March 15-18, 2011 |
| Deadline for Classification Changes:  | April 4, 2011     |
| Withdrawal Deadline:                  | April 11, 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](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.

**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<br>Changed per BOD 7/09 | 15                      | 4 E's (or higher)                    | 2 E's (or higher) in top 8                   | 1 → D<br>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<br>2-4 → D<br>5-8 → E                                |
| GROUP C2                         | 25                      | 4 D's & 4 E's (or higher)            | 4 D's (or higher) in top 8                   | 1 → C<br>2-4 → D<br>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<br>5-8 → D<br>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<br>2-4 → C<br>5-6 → D<br>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<br>2-4 → C<br>5-8 → D<br>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<br>5-8 → C<br>9-16 → D<br>17-32 → E                |
| GROUP A1<br>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<br>2 → B<br>3-4 → C<br>5-6 → D<br>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<br>2-4 → B<br>5-8 → C<br>9-10 → D<br>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<br>5-8 → B<br>9-16 → C<br>17-24 → D<br>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<br>9-16 → B<br>17-24 → C<br>25-32 → D<br>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.