



DATE: September 1, 2011

TO: Division Chairs and Secretaries

FROM: Tanya Brown, USA Fencing

SUBJECT: Qualifying Information for the 2012 Junior Olympics

The forms for reporting the results of qualifying competitions for the 2012 Junior Olympic Fencing Championships are attached. These forms must be used to report the full results of each qualifying competition with all the details requested and returned electronically in an Excel format to Tanya Brown (t.brown@usfencing.org), as soon as possible after the qualifying competitions and no later than Monday, **January 9, 2012**. The sooner the National Office receives the results of the qualifying competitions, the sooner the entries from that Division can be processed and athletes notified of their status for the J.O. Fencing Championships. **Junior Olympic Fencing Championship entries cannot be processed without the qualifying report forms from the athlete's Division.**

The list of Junior and Cadet automatic qualifiers based on point standings are posted on the website under Events on the JO's Tournament page and will be updated periodically. **If a fencer becomes an automatic after the qualifying competition, it does not affect the results of the qualifying competition.**

The Junior Olympic Fencing Championship Entry Form is posted on the USA FENCING website under Events on the JO Tournament page. A copy of the Junior Olympic Fencing Championship Entry Form should be distributed to the athletes who qualify for the Junior Olympic Fencing Championships. Athletes can register for the Junior Olympic Fencing Championships online at <https://www.railstation.org/USFencing/> at no additional fee; their entry will remain pending until results from the qualifying competition are received.

General tournament information is included as well as relevant excerpts from the Athlete Handbook. Familiarize yourself with the enclosed information so you can answer questions from your members. Please contact Tanya Brown (t.brown@usfencing.org) if you need any further information or explanation of the qualifying procedures or wish to list your qualifying tournament on the Events Calendar.

There are NO alternates for any competition at the Junior Olympic Fencing Championships.

Classifications can be awarded at a Division Junior Olympic qualifying competition and must be noted on the qualifying report form. Cadet events must be rated as a C1 or greater for a classification to be awarded. (See the included Classification Chart).

USA FENCING will verify the accuracy in determining the number of qualifiers in each event. If there is an error, USA FENCING will request that the Division contact the affected fencer(s).

Organizers for the Division Qualifying competition must arrange to have at least one referee with a rating of five or higher at the qualifying tournament. For more information on referee ratings, please visit the FOC website at: www.fencingofficials.org.

Athletes are permitted to fence in their Division qualifying competitions only IF:

- 1) The athlete is a U.S. citizen OR permanent resident **and** a current competitive member of USA FENCING **AND**
- 2) The athlete's birth year falls in that age bracket **OR**
- 3) **The athlete is on the national rolling point standings in the next younger age bracket**

JUNIOR OLYMPIC FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Eligible fencers are U.S. citizens OR permanent residents of the United States, current competitive members of USA FENCING, and meet qualification standards for each age category.

Any fencer who is a citizen or permanent resident who has represented another country in the last three years is not eligible for any USA FENCING National Championship competition, individual or team, including corresponding Division qualifying competitions. A foreign fencer who is in the US on a visa is NOT eligible to fence in any National Championships or associated qualifying competitions.

If you have conflicting information about whether or not a fencer is foreign, contact USA FENCING at (719) 866-4511. Fencers must have a USA FENCING "Competitive Member" card with expiration date of 7/31/12 or later or be listed on the USA FENCING online membership list as a current competitive member.

In determining the number of qualifiers, the number of competitors is the total number of fencers who competed in the qualifying competition who are eligible to fence in the Championships. Once the qualifying competition is complete and the number of qualified athletes is determined, those who have already qualified to the Championships in that event (athletes determined to be automatic qualifiers) are skipped in determining those who have become qualifiers in that competition. For example, if there are 20 competitors in the qualifying competition, of which four have already qualified for that particular championships event, those four are skipped in determining the five qualifiers from that competition. So, if the ones who are automatic qualifiers are 1st, 3rd, 6th, and 7th, then the qualifiers from this competition are those who have placed 2nd, 4th, 5th, 8th and 9th.

TABLE 1: NUMBER OF QUALIFIERS FOR JUNIOR OLYMPIC FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

# Competitors	1	2	3 to 12	13-16	17-20	21-24	25-28	29-32	33-36	37-40	41-44	45-48
# Qualifiers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

BOD, 10/03

UNDER-17 (CADET) CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fencers must be born between 1995 and 1998 **AND BE**

- On the Cadet NRPS on January 17, 2012 **OR**
- In the top 8 of the Youth 14 NRPS on January 17, 2012 **OR**
- Qualified for the Under-20 JO Championships (BOD, 10/04) **OR**
- In the top 25% [refer to Table 1] in their Division's Under-17 J.O. qualifying competition (BOD, 10/04)

UNDER-20 (JUNIOR) CHAMPIONSHIPS

Fencers must be born between 1992 and 1998 **AND BE**

- On the Junior NRPS on January 17, 2012 **OR**
- In the top 16 of the Cadet NRPS on January 17, 2012 **OR**
- In the top 25% [refer to Table 1] in their Division's Under-20 J.O. qualifying competition (BOD, 10/04)

NRPS stands for National Rolling Point Standings, which can be viewed on the USA Fencing website under Points.

UNDER 20 (JUNIOR) TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Division does not have to hold a qualifying competition. 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 U20 team must born between 1992 and 1998
- Members of the team must have represented the Club at a competition during the 2011-2012 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.



Junior Olympic Fencing Championships
February 17-20, 2012
Salt Lake City, UT
Athlete Information

HOTEL:

For All USFA Hotel Reservations:

Contact iSol Event Partners

Reservations by Phone: 888-390-5003

Reservations Online: www.isolevents.com/usafencing/

E-mail: usafencing@isolevents.com

VENUE:

Salt Palace Convention Center
Hall 4/5
100 South West Temple
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

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.

To arrange your travel, USA Fencing has partnered with Travel Store; visit www.usfencingtravel.com/ or call 800.850.3224 to speak to an agent

Day Schedule:

The JO Day Schedule is posted on the [USA Fencing Website](http://www.usfencing.org), under EVENTS - <http://usfencing.org/events/>

Athlete Packet:

The JO Athlete Packet is posted on the [USA Fencing Website](http://www.usfencing.org), under EVENTS - <http://usfencing.org/events/>

Important Dates:

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

Registration Opens	September 1, 2011
Division Qualifying Reports Due	January 9, 2012
Regular Entry Fee Deadline	January 16, 2012
Late Entry Fee Deadline	January 17-23, 2012
Double Late Entry Fee (Online Only)	January 24-30, 2012
Classification Change Deadline	February 6, 2012
Withdraw Deadline	February 6, 2012



Date: _____

Name: _____

Division of Fencer: _____

Congratulations, you have qualified for the Junior Olympic Fencing Championships in Salt Lake City, UT. You are qualified for the following events:

In order to participate in the Junior Olympic Fencing Championships, you must register online at <https://www.railstation.org/USFencing/> or fill out and send the special Junior Olympics Fencing Championship Entry Form to the USA Fencing National Office. If the entry form is not available at this tournament, you may obtain an entry form through the USA Fencing website: www.usfencing.org via the JO Tournament page or register online through <https://www.railstation.org/USFencing/>.

This form does not constitute notification to USA Fencing of your qualification status. The Division will send the results of the qualifying competition to the USFA National Office. Your entry will remain pending until qualifying results are received from the Division.

Congratulations and good luck!

Verified By: _____

Bout Committee Representative

NOTE: All qualifying forms are checked for accuracy in determining the number of qualifiers. If a discrepancy is discovered the Division will be notified by the USA FENCING Office. The Division will then notify the fencer(s) involved.

The USA FENCING office MUST RECEIVE your entry no later than Monday, **January 16, 2012 at 11:59:59 PM Pacific Time to be accepted at regular fees.**

You must be a US citizen or permanent resident who is eligible to represent the United States at international competitions. If you have represented another country in international competitions and have not received approval from the FIE to represent the United States, you are NOT eligible to fence in any USA FENCING National Championships.

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 USA FENCING 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).

USA FENCING does permit classification changes at mixed competitions without regard to gender of fencers.

USA Fencing National Team Championship Classification Information

1. A fencer qualifies for a "B" classification by fencing in the final round of four as a member of a team that wins the USFA National Team Championships if 6 or more teams competed in that Team Championships.
2. A fencer qualifies for a "C" classification by fencing in the final four as a member of a Team that places second and third in the USFA National Team Championships if 6 or more teams competed in that Team Championships.

USA Fencing National Championships Petition Procedure

In exceptional cases, subject to approval by the USA FENCING Board of Directors, a member of USA FENCING in good standing may be permitted to qualify to the Junior Olympic Fencing Championships by petition. No petition may contravene the results of a qualifying competition – a fencer who has fenced in the qualifying competition without withdrawing due to valid medical reasons cannot then petition to disregard or override those results.

The following criteria and procedures are applicable to filing a petition:

A petition may be filed by a fencer who qualified (by means of competition or petition) to that same competition in the prior season or whose competitive record during the current fencing season indicates a strong possibility that the athlete would have qualified had they been able to compete in the qualifying competition but:

1. Was unable to compete in the qualifying competitions this season, OR
2. Did compete and had to withdraw because of a disabling injury or illness.

(Note: Mere attendance at an out-of-town school during the qualifying competition shall not constitute inability to compete.)

All petitions must be made in writing to USA FENCING National Events, 1 Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909-5774. Such petitions **are to be filed within five business days** following the competition at which the petitioner could have qualified. Relief from this deadline will be granted only when the specific qualifying competition is held less than two weeks prior to the entry deadline. Under no circumstances will petitions be accepted if received after the entry deadline for the Championships.

The petition must be accompanied by:

- A non-refundable fee of \$100.00, payable to USA FENCING
- A written statement that gives the specific details of the dates, reason for absence or withdrawal, and other pertinent facts. Written notice from the attending physician and/or statement from the Bout Committee must substantiate any medical reasons if the medical reason required withdrawal from the qualifying competition.
- A summary of the fencer's significant competitive results during the past year. In particular, results in previous National Championships and recent North American Cup (NAC) competitions should be noted.
- Evidence that a copy of the petition has been submitted to the Chair or Secretary of the Division that hosted the qualifying competition. If the basis for the petition does not correspond with information available to the Division officer, then USA FENCING expects the officer to so notify the national office in writing.
- A completed entry form for the Junior Olympic Fencing Championships with the correct registration and entry fees or receipt indicating entry was submitted online. If the petition is not approved, these fees associated with the entry will be refunded.
- Inclusion of a fax back sheet for reply to the petition if athlete does not have a current e-mail address; otherwise responses to the petition will be made by e-mail.

Petitions that do not meet these requirements will not be considered.

Decisions on petitions will be based upon the validity of reasons given for absence or withdrawal and the probability that the fencer would have qualified had they competed in the qualifying competition to its conclusion, based on results achieved in other competitions. If a fencer is permitted to enter the Junior Olympic Fencing Championships competition by this petition procedure, the fencer's entry will in no way affect the number of qualifiers from the Division involved.

Petition Checklist
(Additional documentation may be requested by USA FENCING)

- ❑ A non-refundable fee of \$100.00 payable to USA FENCING
- ❑ Letter from the athlete outlining the reason for the petition with a summary of significant competition results during the last year
- ❑ Copy of the letter sent to a Division Officer notifying them of the Petition
- ❑ Letter from a physician if the petition is for medical reasons (*if needed*)
- ❑ Letter from the Bout Committee Chair if a medical withdrawal occurred during the qualifier
- ❑ Email address for reply to the petition
- ❑ Petition submitted within five business days of the qualifier
- ❑ Junior Olympic Fencing Championship Entry form and payment or receipt from online registration

If your petition is received without the information requested above including payment, it will be returned unprocessed.

***Petitions are processed in 4-6 weeks.
To check the status of your Petition, please email:***

Amanda.ward@usfencing.org



USA Fencing Petition Form

Athlete Name: _____

Division: _____

Club: _____

Events you are petitioning to enter: _____

Classification in all three weapons: Epee ___ **Foil** ___ **Saber** ___

Email Address: _____

Payment for \$100 Petition non-refundable Fee, payable to USA FENCING (Please check your payment method below):

American Express _____ Discover _____ Visa _____ MasterCard _____ Check _____ Money Order _____

Card Number: _____ Exp Date _____

Name on Card: _____

Signature: _____

State reason for this Petition here:

Provide information on your fencing results during the past two seasons here:

Attach supporting documentation