



USA FENCING TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

NORTH AMERICAN CUP – NOVEMBER NAC
Austin, TX: November 11-14, 2011

YOUTH (Y14) / CADET (U17) / JUNIOR (U20)

REVISED: 3 October 11 – added check-in times and seeding information

Please refer to the *Entrants List* for the status of your entry. The *Entrants List* is posted on the NOVEMBER NAC tournament web page on the US Fencing website (www.usfencing.org) under EVENTS. You will need to verify your classification for each weapon event, as well as club and division information contained in your membership profile. Report any discrepancies to U.S. Fencing immediately by e-mail (amanda.ward@usfencing.org or information@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 Entrants List by **Monday, October 31, 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 <https://www.railstation.org/usfencing> at no additional fee; the Entrants List is updated upon completion of the online entry with valid payment. An e-mail receipt will be sent to the e-mail address in your membership profile. All paper entries will have a \$10 processing fee. If you registered for the tournament via fax, mail or e-mail you must have an e-mail confirmation as your proof the entry was received. The USFA no longer faxes back confirmation forms. The e-mail sent back does not guarantee eligibility; only that your entry was received. It takes 5-7 business days to process entries received by mail or fax before appearing on the Entrants List. Please confirm that your name appears on the Entrants List for each event you registered for. If any of your events are missing please contact the office immediately.

Classification Change Forms must be received by Monday, October 31, 2011. Classification changes received after this date will not be reflected in NOVEMBER NAC. You MUST confirm your name is on the Entrants List for each event that you have entered. Bring your 2011-2012 USFA Membership Card to the check-in area at the venue. Please check the Entrants List every week.

Written notification of withdrawal by e-mail, fax or mail must be received by the USFA by **Monday, October 31, 2011** for a refund of event fees. Withdrawal information can be e-mailed to Amanda.ward@usfencing.org. No refunds will be given for withdrawals after October 31st. Postmarks do not count. Refunds are processed 4-6 weeks after the tournament.

SCHEDULE:

- 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.
- Competition begins approximately 30-60 minutes after the close of Check-In, as tournament conditions warrant.
- **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.**

	Men's Epee	Men's Foil	Men's Sabre	Women's Epee	Women's Foil	Women's Sabre
Friday Nov 11	Youth 14 7:00-8:00	Cadet 7:00-8:00			Junior 12:00-1:00	Cadet 7:00-8:00
Saturday Nov 12	Junior 7:00-8:00	Youth 14 12:00-1:00	Cadet 7:00-8:00	Junior 2:00-3:00		Youth 14 1:00-2:00
Sunday Nov 13		Junior 7:00-8:00	Youth 14 12:00-1:00	Youth 14 9:30-10:30	Cadet 12:30-1:30	Junior 7:00-8:00
Monday Nov 14	Cadet 7:00-8:00		Junior 7:00-8:00	Cadet 12:00-1:00	Youth 14 7:00-8:00	

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:****[Austin Convention Center](#)**

Exhibit Halls 3-5

500 East Cesar Chavez Street

Austin, TX 78701

512.404.4000

[website](#)**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

GROUND TRANSPORTATION: Taxi Service

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.

Check the Preliminary Seeding

Preliminary seeding information for each day's events is normally posted the evening before. When you arrive for your event, please verify the posted seeding information (name, club, division, country, rating, points) **before** the close of the check-in for your event. If you see any problems, notify the Bout Committee immediately. Changes will **NOT** be made after the close of check-in.

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”.

In foil, the use of a conductive bib is required in competitions that serve as selection events (Cadet, Junior, Senior, Veteran and Wheelchair) [Board of Directors, October 21, 2010; revised April 21, 2011]. Thus weapons check will include testing conductivity of the bib as well as ensure cord connector functionality.

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 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. 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 must wear full fencing attire while participating in drills, lessons or warm-up.

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.

DRUG TESTING:

There may be drug testing. Any detection of banned substances would be cause for suspension and loss of national points earned for selection towards any USA 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 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.

Event	Bout Format
Cadet (U17) Junior (U20)	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 will be awarded for places 33-64 at Senior, Junior and Cadet NACs if there are at least 160 fencers in the competition. These points will be reflected in Senior, Junior and Cadet points only and will be used for seeding national competitions. In order to be considered on the point standings for the purposes of selection or qualification for each category there must be at least one 32 nd place result and the total points must be at least: senior = 275; junior = 165; cadet = 110.
Youth 14 (Y14)	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.

SEEDING:

Fencers have a responsibility to check seeding 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 registration for that competition. No changes will be made after the close of registration. The 2011-2012 Athlete Handbook has detailed information on Seeding.

NOTE: No changes in classifications, that are achieved at competitions in the tournament, are made during the tournament. Such changes are made to fencers’ records after the tournament and done at the USFA office.

Junior	National Junior Rolling Point Standings, with top 24 ranked ahead of all others, followed by rank within each classification, followed by year within that classification.
Cadet	National Cadet Rolling Point Standings, with top 16 ranked ahead of all others, followed by rank within each classification, followed by year within that classification.
Youth 14	National Youth 14 Rolling Point Standings, with top 12 ranked ahead of all others, followed by rank within each classification, followed by year within that classification.

For 2011-2012 National Tournaments & Junior Olympic Fencing Championships (Excluding July NAC, USA Fencing National Championships & Nationals Qualifying Tournaments)

CATEGORY	DIVISION I	DIVISION II	DIVISION III	WHEELCHAIR	VETERAN OPEN (40 & Older)	VETERAN 50-59	VETERAN 60-69	VETERAN 70 & Older	UNDER 20 (JUNIOR) / U20 TEAM	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 1998 or earlier	Born 1998 or earlier	Born 1998 or earlier	Born 1998 or earlier	Born 1971 or earlier	9/2/52-9/1/62	9/2/42-9/1/52	Born before 9/2/42	1992-1998	1995-1998	1997-2000	1999-2002	2001-2004
CLASS	A, B, OR C	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

EXCEPTION TO AGE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (All other qualification criteria remains):

1. Youth 12 – A fencer born after 2002 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 2000 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. Cadet (U17) – A fencer born after 1998 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.
4. Junior (U20) – A fencer born after 1998 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.
5. Cadet (U16) – A fencer born after 1999 can fence in Cadet (U16) competition for the 2012 July NAC IF the fencer is on the National Youth 14 point standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
6. Junior (U19) – A fencer born after 1999 can fence in Junior (U19) competition for the 2012 July NAC IF the fencer is on the National Cadet (U16) point standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
7. Division I, IA, II, III – For all local, regional (including ROC) and national (e.g., NAC) competitions, those born after 1998 must be on the National Junior point standings; for the 2012 National Championships and qualifying competitions for Division I, IA, II, III those born after 1999 must be on the National Junior point standing

NATIONAL EVENTS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What are the deadlines for this tournament?

November 11-14, 2011 (Fri-Mon) – Youth 14 (Y14), Cadet (U17), Junior (U20)

Deadline for Entries at Regular Fees:

September 26, 2011

Late Entry Period at Triple Fees:

September 27-October 10, 2011

Double Triple Late Entry Period **Online Only:**

October 11-24, 2011

Deadline for Classification Changes:

October 31, 2011

Withdrawal Deadline:

October 31, 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, e-mail 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 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 e-mail back a confirmation. Paper entries take 5-7 business 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 e-mail information@usfencing.org so we can send 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 through the system as part of your tournament registration.

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, North American Cup (NAC) and select the tournament you would like more information on (i.e. October NAC, November NAC, and so on). If your question is not answered there, please do not hesitate to e-mail 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 e-mail one of the National Events Staff Members.

Is Your Membership Profile Up-To-Date? Over the past three years, the USFA membership database has transitioned through three different systems. During that time, you may have moved, changed clubs, become a permanent resident or changed your e-mail.

During the registration process, we are asking all our members to check their membership profile and verify that the information reflected in their record is current.

In addition, it is suggested that you check the citizenship and representing country fields, be it USA or another country, to ensure that information is correct. If you are a permanent resident, please email your green card number to info@usfencing.org.

Need help with logging into the system? [Click here](#).

Things you are able to do online:

- Renew your membership
- Register for National tournaments
- Request entry for International tournaments
- Update your contact information
- View your membership data, competition history & payment activity
- Print your membership card with classifications included
- Create a bio for yourself
- Opt In/Out of newsletters and the American Fencing Magazine

Things you will not be able to do - if these fields are out-of-date, please contact the National Office:

- Edit your classifications (classifications can only be updated if received by the tournament organizers)
- Change your club, division, country representation or citizen/permanent resident status

Why is it important to maintain your profile? Your membership profile defines your eligibility to vote and compete in particular events, tournaments and/or championship events. The information (i.e., club, division, classification) in your profile is used for tournament registration and seeding.

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.