



2009-2010 Season

Request for Entry in World Cup, Grand Prix, and Designated Cadet Competitions

Please read entire form – the policy has been updated for the 2009-2010 season. All deadlines will be strictly enforced.

The fee for each Senior World Cup competition is 20 Euros and for each Junior World Cup is 10 Euros. The fee for Senior Grand Prix individual Grand Prix is 60 Euros and for World Cup Team is 400 Euros. The fees for Cadet Competitions are set by each organizer and are published on the Organizer information that is sent out with the selection emails to each fencer. The fees for the individual event are paid directly to the organizers of the competition.

As of November 1, 2008 the fee to compete in all Junior World Cups and Designated Cadet competitions is **\$100.00**. The fee is to help provide referees to International Competitions or pay the fine assessed by International Federations when USFA cannot send an International Referee. This fee is required to compete in any International Competition. You must submit the Squad Referee Fee Form with this form for your entry to be complete.

A FIE License is required to compete in Junior World Cup, Senior World Cup, and Grand Prix competitions. Fencers must submit a FIE License form with their Request for entry form. Cadet are not required to submit a FIE License form, but are required to submit a USFA code of conduct for the 2009-2010 International season with your Request for World Cup Entry form.

Please Print Information:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
 Phone: _____ Fax: _____
 Email: _____
 Passport # _____ Expiration Date: _____

The USFA Office must be notified in writing of withdrawal at least 21 days prior to the competition.

LIST THE COMPETITIONS YOU WISH TO BE CONSIDERED

Dates of Competition	S = Senior J = Junior C = Cadet	Male or Female	Weapon	City and Country
1.				
2.				
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ELIGIBILITY – A Fencer will be considered for entry in “A” competitions IF

	Men’s Epee	Men’s Foil	Men’s Saber	Women’s Epee	Women’s Foil	Women’s Saber
Senior Grand Prix (maximum of 8 fencers can be entered)	Top 16 S Top 8 J	Top 16 S Top 8 J	Top 24 S Top 12 J	Top 24 S Top 12 J Remaining ranked Seniors	Top 24 S Top 12 J Remaining ranked Seniors	2008 Olympians Top 24 S Top 12 J Top 4 C
Senior World Cups & Satellite (maximum of 12 fencers can be entered)	Top 24 S Top 12 J	Top 24 S Top 12 J	Top 24 S Top 12 J	Top 24 S Top 12 J Remaining ranked Seniors	Top 24 S Top 12 J Remaining ranked Seniors	2008 Olympians Top 24 S Top 12 J Top 4 C
Junior World Cups (maximum of 12 fencers can be entered)	Top 24 J Top 12 C	Top 24 J Top 12 C	Top 24 J Top 12 C	Top 24 J Top 12 C Remaining ranked Juniors	Top 24 J Top 12 C Remaining ranked Juniors	Top 24 J Top 16 C
Cadet Designated	All Cadets on Points	All Cadet on Points	Top 24 C	**	All Cadets on Points	All Cadets on Points

S –Senior Point Standings J – Junior Point Standings C – Cadet Point Standings

** Open (any fencer meeting the age requirement may apply). Fencer must have fenced in any NAC cadet or Y14 event in that weapon. If more than 12 fencers apply, those who are ranked 13 and lower must cover the expense of a referee, if one is required.

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FIE License Code of Conduct Squad Fee

Policy and Procedures for World Cup, Grand Prix and Designated Cadet Competitions

Age Criteria: FIE rules require that athletes must be 13 years or older on January 1 of the season to compete in Junior World Cup or Senior World Cup, Grand Prix or Team World Cup competitions and to participate in World Championships.

All information regarding the international calendar, eligibility, and deadlines is posted to the USFA's website. Lists of current registrants, fencers, and results are also available. Please check the website to determine if your entry was received and if you made the team.

Eligibility: All fencers **must** be a United States Citizen to request for entry in a Cadet Designated, Junior World Cup, Senior World Cup, Grand Prix and Team competitions.

Eligibility is determined by the USFA point standings that are current as of the USFA deadline to request entry into an International Competition. Results that change the point standings between the deadline and the competition have no bearing on the selection. Additionally, results from the weekend before to the entry deadline have no bearing on the selection.

Cadet competitions: Rolling point standings will be used for Cadets up until the Dec DIV I NAC, after that, the Team point standings will be used. A maximum of 12 fencers will be accepted at Cadet Designated Competitions for Men's Saber and Women's Saber. There is no limit of fencers that will be accepted at Cadet Designated Competitions for Men's Epee, Men's Foil, Women's Epee and Women's Foil.

Junior competitions: Rolling point standings will be used for Juniors and Cadets up until the Dec DIV I NAC, after that the Team point standings will be used. Junior points take precedence. Eligible Cadets will be accepted for Junior World Cups if space is available after the junior point fencers who have applied. A maximum of 12 fencers are accepted for Junior World Cup Competitions.

Senior Competitions: Rolling point standings will be used for Seniors until the first World Cup and/or Grand Prix being held after the April NAC after that the Team point standings will be used (this includes those World Cup and/or Grand Prix that USFA entry deadlines are before April NAC). Senior points take precedence. Eligible Juniors will be accepted for Senior World Cup and/or Grand Prix competitions if space is available after the senior point fencers who have applied. Eligible Cadets will be accepted for Senior World Cup and Grand Prix competitions if space is available after the Senior and Junior point fencers who have applied. A maximum of 12 fencers are accepted for Senior World Cup competitions and a maximum of 8 fencers are accepted for Grand Prix.

Eligibility Exceptions: Fencers, who are not eligible, can receive waivers and be allowed to fence in World Cups. All fencers who are not eligible and are granted a waiver will be allowed to fence under the following conditions: there is space left in our allotment, and an additional referee is not required due to their acceptance.

ME – If fencer is not eligible, fencer may compete under the above conditions.

MF – If fencer is not eligible, fencer may compete under the above conditions.

MS – If fencer is not eligible, fencer must contact the National Coach prior to the deadline to request a waiver.

WE – If fencer is not eligible, fencer may compete under the above conditions.

WF – If fencer is not eligible, fencer may compete under the above conditions.

WS – If fencer is not eligible, fencer must contact the National Coach prior to the deadline to request a waiver.

Entry Procedures: Fencers must file the "Request to Enter" form (available on USFA website) with USFA Sport Performance and Technical Programs Department by the entry deadline. Submission of this form does not guarantee fencers a spot in the competition. Deadlines are published in the Athlete Handbook and on the USFA Website, and are generally 35-60 days prior to the competition. An earlier deadline is imposed for those countries to which US citizens must apply for a visa to enter the country.

Athletes must have a Current FIE License (with code of conduct), in addition to being a current competitive USFA member, in order to compete in Junior and Senior World Cups, Senior Grand Prix or Satellite competitions. Athletes must sign a USFA code of conduct and be current USFA member to compete in Cadet Competitions. There is an annual charge for the FIE License, payable to the USFA. The FIE License includes a one year subscription to the FIE quarterly magazine. FIE licenses can only be ordered through the USFA, the form is on the USFA website (www.usfencing.org).

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Late entries: An athlete who submits an entry form for an international competition after the deadline **MUST PAY** the USFA \$250 late fee **IMMEDIATELY**. Late entries will be considered based on eligibility and space available. No athlete can displace another athlete if the entry application arrives after the deadline, no matter his or her ranking. Entries received after the entry deadline may not be accepted, especially if that extra entry creates the need for an additional referee beyond what was planned. There is no guarantee that late entries will be accepted. Late entries will not be accepted within 15 days prior to the competition.

Entry Limitations: For Junior and Senior World Cup competitions, each country may enter no more than 12 fencers. For Grand Prix competitions, each country may enter no more than 8 fencers. If a country hosts a Grand Prix it may enter up to an additional 12 fencers. If a country hosts a World Cup they may enter up to 18 fencers for a total of 30 fencers.

Finalizing the Team: One to two business days after the deadline, the list of fencers and alternates are finalized. The point standings that are current as of the deadline determine the list of fencers. Results that change the point standings between the deadline and the competition have no bearing on the selection. The list is then emailed out to all fencers who have sent in a request to enter including alternates, and to the pertinent national coaches. It is the fencer's responsibility to keep the national office apprized of his or her most current email address(es).

Confirmation of Attendance to International Competition: Fencers are required to confirm their participation in Cadet Designated, Junior World Cup, Senior World Cup, and Senior Grand Prix competitions. Fencers must confirm in writing by either reply to the selection email sent to all fencers or by sending a fax by the Withdrawal deadline.

Withdrawing from an International Competition: Fencers must withdraw in writing from a competition. The deadline for a withdrawal is 21-45 days (see each weapons calendar for withdraw deadline for each competition) prior to the first day of competition and is posted on the USFA's website. Fencers withdrawing after the deadline or who do not show at the competition will be fined \$1500. Such fee must be paid from the athlete's personal funds, not from the individual's USFA performance awards. Exceptions to this fine may be considered if the fencer is withdrawing due to an injury or illness that prevents the fencer from competing. Medical documentation from a doctor and a written request to waive the fine is required for consideration. Repetitive infractions may not be considered.

Alternates are notified via email when a withdrawal happens and must confirm their ability to go or their wish to withdraw within 4 days of notification. Alternates not responding within 4 days will be withdrawn from the competition. Alternates will be notified only up to 15 days prior to the first day of competition. The list of fencers will not be altered after 10 days prior to the competition. Fencers are not required to withdraw from the competition if they are not listed as "fencer" on the selection list and/or entry list on the USFA website. Only those fencers listed as Fencer on the selection list are required to withdraw by the withdrawal deadline.

For questions or comments email Jeanna Mendoza, the Technical Programs Director at jeanna.mendoza@usfencing.org or call (719) 866-4511 extension 4. You can also view Entry list for all competitions at www.usfencing.org and click on the Int'l Tab on the website.

