



U.S. FENCING TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

**NORTH AMERICAN CUP - NAC “B”
Kansas City, MO: November 6-9, 2009**

Junior (U20) /Cadet (U17) /Youth 14 (Y14)

Please refer to the *Confirmed Entry List* for the status of your entry. The *Confirmed Entry List* is posted on the NAC B 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 (ashley.razo@usfencing.org), by fax (719-632-5737) or by phone at (719-866-4511). The USFA National Office must receive changes to the information on the confirmed entry list by Monday, November 2, 2009. 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.

If you registered for the tournament via fax or mail you must have the stamped fax back confirmation (page three) as your proof the entry was received. The stamped fax back does not guarantee eligibility. Please confirm that your name appears on the Confirmed Entrant List for each event you registered for. This is proof your entry was received and you are eligible for the event. The Confirmed Entrant list for each National Tournament is updated weekly.

Classification changes must be received by Monday, October 26, 2009. Classification changes received after this date will not be reflected in NAC B. You MUST confirm your name is on the Confirmed Entrant List for each event and bring your 2009-2010 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, November 2, 2009 for a refund of event fees. No refunds will be given for withdrawals after November 2nd. Refunds are processed 4-6 weeks after the tournament.

SCHEDULE:

	Men’s Epee	Men’s Foil	Men’s Sabre	Women’s Epee	Women’s Foil	Women’s Sabre
Friday Nov. 6		Cadet	Junior	Cadet		Youth 14
Saturday Nov. 7	Junior	Youth 14	Cadet	Youth 14	Junior	
Sunday Nov. 8	Youth 14	Junior		Junior	Youth 14	Cadet
Monday Nov. 9	Cadet		Youth 14		Cadet	Junior

- **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. The check-in times will be posted on the website approximately 1 week after the regular fee deadline.**

- HOTEL:** **For All USFA Hotel Reservations:**
Marriott Hotel
Contact Tournament Housing Services (THS)
Reservations by Phone: 888-536-TEAM
Reservations Online: www.thsweb.com
- VENUE:** **Kansas City Convention & Entertainment Center (Halls A & B)**
301 W. 13th Street
Kansas City, MO 64105
- 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. For other carriers call Polk Majestic Travel at (800) 748-2059 / (866)-481-2209.
- GROUND TRANSPORTATION:** **Taxi Service**
Checker Cab
1-800-829-4222 or 816-444-4444
- Shared Ride Service
SuperShuttle
1-800-258-3826
- PARKING:** Parking is available in the Auditorium Plaza Garage and privately owned lots within walking distance. Rates vary.
- 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 FIE 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 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.

Saber blades marked with the year of manufacture and/or conforming to the stiffer FIE standards are required for all USFA competitions except Youth 10 competitions. This requirement for the 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
Junior (U20)	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.

Cadet (U17)	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.
Youth 14 (Y14)	One round of pools; 100% promoted to direct elimination in which 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.

AGE RULES: For National Level Tournaments 2009-2010 (Excluding Summer Nationals)

CATEGORY	Division I	Division II	Division III	VET OPEN	VET 50-59	VET 60 +	VET 70 +	JR	CDT	Y14	Y12	Y 10
CODE	DVI	DVII	DVIII	VET	V50	V60	V70	U20	U17	Y14	Y12	Y10
AGE	Born on or before 1996	Born on or before 1996	Born on or before 1996	Born on or before 1969	9/1/60 – 9/2/50	Born before 9/2/50	Born before 9/2/40	1990 - 1996	1993 - 1996	1995 - 1998	1997 - 2000	1999 - 2002
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

NATIONAL EVENTS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

I am new to the USFA and/or need more information about National Tournaments, who do I contact? Contact Christine Simmons at the USFA office by email ashley.razo@usfencing.org

I am trying to talk with someone in National Events, but I can't get through to a real person. The National Events phone is very busy throughout the tournament season. If you have a question, leave a voice message and we will call you back (719-866-4511). If you need an immediate answer, email the question to ashley.razo@usfencing.org. Please do not leave a message at every extension in the office. It only slows the process and creates confusion for everyone.

Do I have to check in at the tournament? Yes, you must check in during your specified time or you will be disqualified. If you have entered more than one event, you must check in for each event during the time specified.

My name is not posted on the USFA website for the tournament. If you have submitted your entry and your name is not listed on the USFA website, contact the office immediately. This is another good reason to get your entry in to the office early.

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.

Why do we go to sweltering cities in the summer and chilly locations in the winter? The USFA Tournament Committee and National Office work together in determining which city will be selected for a tournament. U.S. Fencing accepts bids from any City, Convention Organization or Sports Commission interested in hosting a national tournament. The bid must provide facilities information including cost, number of hotel rooms and rates, supply personnel and donations to make a tournament successful for the participants, the host and U.S. Fencing. The range of tournaments and the flexibility that U.S. Fencing offers in sharing responsibilities provides hosts with various levels of involvement.

Once a City has completed a detailed "Expression of Interest" form, and the location, venue size and number of hotel rooms meets the Bid Packet specifications, then a site visit is scheduled. The Bid City pays for the site visit.

On the site visit, all prospective hotels and the convention center are toured. If a shuttle or light-rail is to be used for the tournament, then the USFA representative drives the route or takes the rail system to determine the cost, and the time it takes to get from the hotels to the Convention center. While on the site visit, the USFA Representative also meets with local fencing clubs, catering representatives, decorating companies, union personnel, AV and electrical contractors.

Once a City is on the short list for a tournament, extensive negotiations begin on Venue rental costs, hotel rates, and all the costs associated with a large national tournament. If a city makes it through this process, the Tournament Committee and the USFA National Office look at all final prospective tournament locations and a city is selected. The next time you look at our locations for tournaments, I hope that you notice that we are making selections throughout the country so that at some point during the Season, a National tournament will be in or near your time zone!

Why do we sometimes go to cold locations in winter and really warm locations in the summer?

Costs! The rental cost and hotel room rates will be lower when it is “off season” for a city. We can hold a tournament in Miami, Atlanta, San Jose and Pittsburgh, all major cities, because we schedule our tournaments in those locations in their off-season.

Why don't we have tournaments in Hawaii? This is a question I hear frequently. The cost of shipping over 75,000 pounds of tournament equipment by ship is astronomical!

Are you interested in bringing a National Tournament to your city? Send an email to ashley.razo@usfencing.org.

What are the deadlines for this tournament?

Novembre 6-9, 2009 (Fri-Mon) Junior (U20) / Cadet (U17) / Youth 14 (Y14)

Deadline for Entries at Regular Fees:	September 7, 2009
Late Entry Period at Triple Fees:	September 8-21, 2009
Deadline for Classification Changes:	October 26, 2009
Withdrawal Deadline:	November 2, 2009

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.



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Kansas City Convention & Entertainment Center (Halls A & B)

301 W. 13th Street

Kansas City, MO 64105

Hospitals

Children's Mercy Hospital (816) 234-3430 2401 Gillham Road, Kansas City, MO 64108

Directions from Kansas City Convention Center (est. time 5 min, 1.4 mi away):

-Head SOUTH on WYANDOTTE ST. toward W 14TH ST.

-Turn LEFT at W 16TH ST.

-Turn RIGHT at GRANK BLVD.

-Turn LEFT at E 19TH ST.

-Turn RIGHT at OAK ST.

-Slight LEFT at E 22ND ST.

-Continue on LOCUST ST. - Destination will be on the left.

Truman Medical Center (816) 404-1000 2301 Holmes Street, Kansas City, MO 64108

Directions from Kansas City Convention Center (est. time 5 min, 1.4 mi away):

-Head SOUTH on WYANDOTTE ST. toward W 14TH ST.

-Turn LEFT at W 16TH ST.

-Turn RIGHT at GRANK BLVD.

-Turn LEFT at E 19TH ST.

-Turn RIGHT at OAK ST.

-Slight LEFT at E 22ND ST.

-Continue on LOCUST ST.

-Turn LEFT at E 23RD ST.

Dentist

Dr. Thomas Anderson (816) 421-6667 1000 Walnut Ste. 210, Kansas City, MO 64106

Directions from Kansas City Convention Center (est. time 1 min, 0.40 mi away):

-Head NORTH on WYANDOTTE ST toward W 12TH ST.

-Turn RIGHT at W 12TH ST.

-Turn LEFT at WALNUT ST.

- Destination will be on the left

My Dentist – Downtown Kansas City 819 Walnut Suite 101, Kansas City, MO 64106-1824

Directions from Kansas City Convention Center (est. time 2 min, 0.5 mi away):

-Head NORTH on WYANDOTTE ST toward W 12TH ST.

-Turn RIGHT at W 12TH ST.

-Turn LEFT at WALNUT ST.

Pharmacies

Walgreens (816) 471-2072 2301 Holmes, Kansas City, MO 64108

Directions from Kansas City Convention Center (est. time 5 min, 1.4 mi away):

-Head SOUTH on WYANDOTTE ST. toward W 14TH ST.

-Turn LEFT at W 16TH ST.

-Turn RIGHT at GRANK BLVD.

-Turn LEFT at E 19TH ST.

-Turn RIGHT at OAK ST.

-Slight LEFT at E 22ND ST.

-Continue on LOCUST ST.

-Turn LEFT at E 23RD ST.

CVS (816) 221-1603 1914 Swift Road, North Kansas City, MO 64116

Directions from Kansas City Convention Center (est. time 7 min, 2.6 mi away):

--Head NORTH on WYANDOTTE ST toward W 12TH ST.

-Turn RIGHT at W 12TH ST.

-Turn LEFT at GRAND BLVD

-Turn RIGHT at E 8TH ST.

- Turn LEFT at LOCUST ST.

-Continue on ASB RAMP/MO-9

-Slight RIGHT toward E 10TH AVE

-Turn LEFT at SWIFT AVE

Restaurants

Arthur Bryant's Barbecue (816) 231-1123	KFC Express/Pizza Hut Express (816) 474-3308
Azul Latin Bistro (816) 527-0993	Leo's Deli (816) 746-2304
Brio Tuscan Grille (816)561-5888	Margarita's (816) 931-4849
Bristol Seafood Grill (816) 448-6007	McFadden's Sports Saloon (816) 471-1330
City Tavern (816) 421-3696	Perk Up! (816) 471-7070
Crayloa Café (816) 398-4820	Pierpont's at Union Station (816) 221-5111
Golden Harvest Bakery (816) 398-4818	Raglan Road Irish Pub (816) 994-9700
Grinders Pizza (816) 472-5454	Red Dragon House Chinese Restaurant (816) 221-1388
Jason's Deli (816) 842-6655	
JP Wine Bar and Coffee House (816) 842-2660	

Kansas City Attractions:

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