



U.S. FENCING TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

NORTH AMERICAN CUP “D”:

San Jose, CA January 15-18, 2010

Division I (DV1) /Junior (U20)/Junior Team

Please refer to the *Confirmed Entry List* for the status of your entry. The *Confirmed Entry List* is posted on the NAC D tournament web page located on the US Fencing website (www.usfencing.org). You need to verify the events you registered for, 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, January 11, 2010. If you represent a country other than the USA, please indicate this information on your Entry Form, along with the Division in which you have applied for USFA membership.

If you registered for the tournament via fax, mail or email you must have the stamped fax back confirmation (page three) or an email as your proof the entry was received. You will not need this page at the check-in. This is just used for you so you know that we received your entry form. 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 Friday, January 4, 2010. Classification changes received after this date will not be reflected in the NAC D Tournament. You MUST bring your 2009-2010 USFA Membership Card, photo ID, or FIE License 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, January 11, 2010 for a refund of event fees. No refunds will be given for withdrawals after January 11. 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.

CHECK-IN SCHEDULE:

	Men's Epee	Men's Foil	Men's Sabre	Women's Epee	Women's Foil	Women's Sabre
Friday, Jan. 15		Division 1	Junior	Junior	Junior Team	
Saturday, Jan. 16	Division 1	Junior Team		Junior Team	Junior	Division 1
Sunday, Jan. 17	Junior Team	Junior	Division 1	Division 1		Junior Team
Monday, Jan. 18	Junior		Junior Team		Division 1	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.**

HOTEL:**For All USFA Hotel Reservations:****Hilton**

Contact Tournament Housing Services (THS)

Reservations by Phone: 888-536-TEAM

Reservations Online: www.thsweb.com**VENUE:****San Jose Convention Center (Halls 2&3)**

135 West San Carlos Street

San Jose, CA 95113

AIRLINE RESERVATIONS:

For assistance with travel arrangements, call the USFA Official Travel Partner – Polk Majestic Travel at 866-481-2209.

Or the United Airlines Olympic Desk at 800-841-0460.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION:**Taxi Service**

Checker Cab

408-293-1199

PARKING:

\$18 per day at the San Jose Convention Center

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 or lame between the shoulders; (2) on the front or side of the thigh of the “rear” leg; or (3) on a piece of fabric or lame 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 new, stiffer FIE standards are required for all USFA competitions except Youth 10 competitions. The requirement for the new 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.

Team Registration Process

Please read below as the team process will be different from the one used at Summer Nationals. Please see the team entry form for appropriate tournament deadlines.

Registration

1. Teams will be required to submit 3-4 team member names and captain with the team entry – this will streamline the verification of membership, NRPS and classification prior to the tournament. Those fencers who are NCAA fencers will need to self monitor club affiliation and NCAA eligibility.
2. NAC, JO's and Veteran team events will be an open registration process in line with individual entry deadlines.
3. Clubs may enter no more than 3 teams per event.
4. At North American Cup tournaments Junior & Division 2 team member's division composites will be allowed. Fencers on composite teams must be from the same geographic USFA division and cannot be on a club team in the same event.
 - a. Veteran Teams will be open to any 3-4 Veteran aged competitive members. Club & Division affiliations will not be enforced for Veteran Team events.
5. The team events are purely voluntary and if coaches want their fencers to rest rather than to compete that is a decision between coach and fencer. Those fencers who are NCAA fencers would need to self monitor club affiliation and NCAA eligibility.
6. Seeding information will be based on the same deadlines used for individual events.
7. Preliminary team seeding and table will be posted on the USFA web site.
 - a. This will allow the teams to verify information and contact the National Office with any corrections by a designated date. If teams fail to do so, information stands as presented.
 - b. Table will only be reconstituted if the classification and/or NRPS are in error

- c. If a team withdraws after the classification deadline for that tournament, the table stands as constituted.
- d. Higher seeded team would automatically be designated as the “winner of the coin flip” and assigned the 1-2-3 side

At the Venue

- 8. Teams will be required to check-in with the Bout Committee by a designated time to determine fencer order. Time will be posted with check-in schedule.
- 9. At the team start time, posted with the check-in schedule, both teams and referees will be at their designated strips. Strip assignments will be posted in the venue.
- 10. Format will be direct elimination team matches, fence off for 3rd.
- 11. Fencers’ can compete in one individual and one team event per day.

Event	Bout Format
Division I (DV1)	Men’s and Women’s Foil, Men’s and Women’s Epee One pool round 75% advance to DE No Repêchage DE bout format: 15 touches in three 3-minute segments Men’s and Women’s Sabre One pool round 75% advance to DE No Repêchage DE bout format: bouts are fenced to 15 touches with a 1-minute break when the first fencer reaches 8 touches Points awarded to top 40% (maximum of 32) of the competitive field to the nearest quadrant of the direct elimination tableau.
Junior (U20)	One round of pools; 80% promoted to direct elimination. First round pools are maximized to 7-person pools. 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.
Junior Team	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 is based on Junior national points at the close of entries and on participating fencers classifications earned prior to the first entry deadline. Fence off for 1 st and 3 rd .

AGE RULES: For National Level Tournaments 2008-2009 (Excluding Summer Nationals and SN Qualifiers)

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 Ashley Razo 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. Once again, please do not leave a message at every extension. This is another good reason to get your entry into 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.

When will the check in times be posted on the USFA Website? The USFA Tournament Committee provides the check-in times to the National Office after the first entry deadline has passed. The National Office then sends the information to the website to be posted.

Why do we go to sweltering cities in the summer and chilly locations in the winter? 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.

How do you decide which cities will host a National Tournament? 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 are 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 don't we have tournaments in Hawaii? This is a question we hear frequently. The cost of transporting 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 all the deadlines for this tournament?

January 15-18, 2010 (Fri-Mon) Junior (U20), Division I (DV1)

Deadline for Entries at Regular Fees:	November 16, 2009
Late Entry Period at Triple Fees:	November 17-30, 2009
Final Deadline for Entries at Triple Fees:	November 30, 2009
Deadline for Classification Changes:	January 4, 2010
Withdrawal Deadline	January 11, 2010

COMPETITION	MINIMUM COMPETITORS	CLASSIFIED FENCERS REQUIRED	CLASSIFIED FENCERS MUST FINISH	CLASSIFICATIONS AWARDED
GROUP E1	6	NONE	N/A	1 → E
GROUP D1	15	NONE	N/A	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

USFA CLASSIFICATION REFERENCE CHART

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 competition 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).

HEALTH SERVICES IN SAN JOSE AREA

San Jose Convention Center – Halls 2&3
135 West San Carlos Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Hospitals

Good Samaritan Hospital (408) 559-2011 2425 Samaritan Drive San Jose, CA 95124

Directions from San Jose Convention Center (est. 14 min, 10.21 mi away)

- Start out going Southwest on San Carlos St. toward Almaden Blvd.
- Turn LEFT onto S ALMADEN BLVD.
- Merge onto I-280 N toward SAN FRANCISCO
- Merge onto CA-17 S toward SANTA CRUZ
- Merge onto CA-85 S toward GILROY
- Take the exit toward UNION AVE.
- Turn RIGHT onto SAMARITAN DR.

O'Connor Hospital (408) 947-2500 2105 Forest Ave. San Jose, CA 95128

Direction from San Jose Convention Center (est. 7 min, 4.27 mi away)

- Start out going Southwest on San Carlos St. toward Almaden Blvd.
- Turn LEFT onto S ALMADEN BLVD.
- Merge onto I-280 N toward SAN FRANCISCO
- Take the I-880 N exit toward OAKLAND
- Take the exit toward W SAN CARLOS ST.
- Merge onto STEVENS CREEK BLVD.
- Turn LEFT onto DI SALVO AVE.
- Turn LEFT onto FOREST AVE.
- Destination will be on the RIGHT

Santa Clara Valley Medical Center (408) 885-5000 751 S. Bascom Avenue, San Jose, California, 95128

Directions from San Jose Convention Center (est. 7 min, 3.46 mi away)

- Start out going Southwest on San Carlos St. toward Almaden Blvd.
- Turn LEFT onto S ALMADEN BLVD.
- Merge onto I-280 N toward SAN FRANCISCO
- Take the exit toward LEIGH AVE/BASCOM AVE.
- Turn SLIGHT LEFT onto PARKMOOR AVE.
- Turn LEFT onto S BASCOM AVE.
- Destination will be on the RIGHT

Dentist

Western Dental Centers (408) 279-7640 48 E. Santa Clara St. San Jose, CA 95113

Directions from San Jose Convention Center (est. 3 min, 0.85 mi away)

- Start out going SOUTHWEST on W SAN CARLOS ST.
- Turn RIGHT onto S ALMADEN BLVD.
- Turn RIGHT onto W SANTA CLARA ST

Pharmacies

Albertson's (408) 297-3710 272 E Santa Clara St. San Jose, CA 95113

Directions from San Jose Convention Center (est. 4 min, 1.14 mi away)

- Start out going SOUTHWEST on W SAN CARLOS ST.
- Turn RIGHT onto S ALMADEN BLVD.
- Turn RIGHT onto W SANTA CLARA ST
- Destination with be on the RIGHT

Walgreens (408) 283-0835 5 S 1st St San Jose, CA 95113

Directions from San Jose Convention Center

- Start out going SOUTHWEST on W SAN CARLOS ST.
- Turn RIGHT onto S ALMADEN BLVD.
- Turn RIGHT onto W SAN FERNANDO ST.
- Turn LEFT onto 1st ST.

Restaurants in the Area

Pizz'A Chicago

155 W San Fernando St.
(408) 283-9400

China Garden Restaurant

1890 W San Carlos St
(408) 293-3149

Loft Bar & Bistro

90 S 2nd St.
(408) 291-0677

Fuji Sushi Restaurant

56 W Santa Clara St
(408) 298-3854

The Island Grill

1355 N 4th St
(408) 392-2468

The Old Spaghetti Factory

51 N San Pedro St
(408) 288-7488

Arcadia Restaurant

100 W San Carlos St
(408) 278-4555

America's Choice Steak Seafood & Poultry

3474 Heritage Oaks Dr.
(408) 532-7008

Yankee Pier

378 Santana Row
(408) 244-1244

Keton Restaurant

230 Jackson St
(408) 295-3866

Attractions in San Jose, CA Area

Winchester Mystery House

525 S Winchester Blvd, San Jose, CA
(408) 247-2101
winchestermysteryhouse.com

In 1884, a wealthy widow named Sarah L. Winchester began a construction project of such magnitude that it was to occupy the lives of carpenters and craftsmen until her death thirty-eight years later. The Victorian mansion, designed and built by the Winchester Rifle heiress, is filled with so many unexplained oddities, that it has come to be known as the Winchester Mystery House.

Sarah Winchester built a home that is an architectural marvel. Unlike most homes of its era, this 160-room Victorian mansion had modern heating and sewer systems, gas lights that operated by pressing a button, three working elevators, and 47 fireplaces. From rambling roofs and exquisite hand inlaid parquet floors to the gold and silver chandeliers and Tiffany art glass windows, you will be impressed by the staggering amount of creativity, energy, and expense poured into each and every detail.

Zoo of San Jose

1300 Senter Rd
(408) 277-3000
happyhollowparkandzoo.org

Happy Hollow Park & Zoo is a small zoo and young child-oriented amusement park in Kelley Park in San Jose, California, USA that attracts over 360,000 visitors. The zoo section of the park includes many rare and endangered species such as lemurs, parma wallabies, and a newly acquired jaguar. The animal contact area of the zoo includes a zebu, a donkey, miniature horses, and pygmy goats. The amusement park includes many motorized rides that only operate part-time, as well as other attractions, such as a house of mirrors and a maze play area that can be enjoyed anytime the park gates are open. Features include an antique watermill that, in addition to displaying the mechanics of the mill, also houses newspaper clippings and pictures covering the park and zoo's history.