



U.S. FENCING TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

NORTH AMERICAN CUP – NAC “E”

Dallas, TX: March 26 – 29, 2010

Div. II (DV2) /Div. III (DV3) /Veteran (VET/V50/V60/V70) / Wheelchair(CHR)/ Div. 2 Team (2TM)

Please refer to the *Confirmed Entry List* (www.usfencing.org) for the status of your entry. The *Confirmed Entry List* is posted on the NAC E tournament web page located on the US Fencing website (www.usfencing.org). You need to verify the events you registered for, classification for each weapon, and division information. Report any discrepancies to U.S. Fencing immediately by e-mail (information@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, March 22, 2010. If you represent a country other than the USA, please indicate this information on your Entry Form.

The USFA National Office must receive Classification Changes by March 19, 2010.

Classification changes received after this date will not be reflected in the NAC E. You MUST bring your USFA Stamped Fax Back *Confirmation Letter*, or a *Confirmation Email* and 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, March 22, 2010 for a refund of event fees. No refunds will be given for withdrawals after March 22nd. 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 (Check in Times are posted on the web site):

| | Men's Epee | Men's Foil | Men's Sabre | Women's Epee | Women's Foil | Women's Sabre |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Friday Mar 26 | Veteran | Division II | Division III | Division II | Veteran | Division III |
| | Wheelchair | Veteran 70+ | | | Wheelchair | Veteran 70+ |
| Saturday Mar 27 | Veteran 50-9 | Division III | Division II | Division III | Veteran 50-9 | Division II |
| | Veteran 60+ | Wheelchair | Veteran 70+ | Veteran 70+ | Veteran 60+ | Wheelchair |
| | Division 2 Team | | | | Division 2 Team | |
| Sunday Mar 28 | Division II | Veteran 50-9 | Veteran | Veteran | Division II | Veteran 50-9 |
| | Veteran 70+ | Veteran 60+ | Wheelchair | Wheelchair | Veteran 70+ | Veteran 60+ |
| | | Division 2 Team | | | | Division 2 Team |
| Monday Mar 29 | Division III | Veteran | Veteran 50-9 | Veteran 50-9 | Division III | Veteran |
| | | | Veteran 60+ | Veteran 60+ | | |
| | | | Division 2 Team | Division 2 Team | | |

- The above schedule is a day schedule. You must check the US Fencing Website (www.usfencing.org) for the check-in schedule. Fencers must check in within the indicated hour or they will be withdrawn from the event. Fencers must check in each day they are competing. Fencers may enter only one individual event and one team event per day. If there is a conflict with the two events the fencer must choose which event to compete in.

HOTEL:**For All USFA Hotel Reservations:****Hyatt Regency Dallas at Reunion**

Contact Tournament Housing Services (THS)
Reservations by Phone: 888-536-TEAM (8326)
Reservations Online: www.thsweb.com

VENUE:**Dallas Convention Center** (Hall E)

650 S. Griffin St
Dallas, TX 75202

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 800-74802091 or 866-481-2209.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION:**Shared Ride Service**

SuperShuttle
972-456-3128

Taxi Service
Checker Cab
972-222-2000

Public Transportation
DART <http://www.dart.org/>

PARKING:

Approximately \$10.00 per entry per vehicle
<http://www.dallasconventioncenter.com/Resources/parkingmap.pdf>

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 at 7:00 am on competition days.** 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 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 masks for all weapons, all lamè materials (i.e., jackets for foil and saber, and gloves for saber), and all cords (body for all weapons, mask for sabre, bib for foil, when used). Masks must pass the 12-kg punch test. Equipment must conform to regulations (see information below). 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 cuissard/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. The lower front of foil lames must be cut according to the drawing in the rule book (m.28.6). 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, either by hand or machine, so as to be legible from a distance of 15 feet in dark blue capital letters: either (1) on the back of the uniform or lamè between the shoulders; (2) on the front or side of the thigh of the "rear" leg; or (3) on a piece of fabric or lamè 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.**

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 Christine.simmons@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: christine.simmons@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. The list of registered fencers will be updated weekly on www.usfencing.org. 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? 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 go to 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!

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

What are all the deadlines for this tournament?

March 26-March 29, 2010 (Fri-Mon) Division II (DV2), Division III (DV3), Veteran, Wheelchair, Division 2 Team

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| Deadline for Entries at Regular Fees: | February 8, 2010 |
| Late Entry Period at Triple Fees: | February 9-15, 2010 |
| Final Deadline for Entries at Triple Fees: | February 15, 2010 |
| Deadline for Classification Changes: | March 19, 2010 |
| Withdrawal Deadline | March 22, 2010 |

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.

HEALTH SERVICES IN THE DALLAS AREA

Dallas Convention Center – Hall E
650 S. Griffin St.
Dallas, TX 75202

HOSPITALS

Parkland Hospital (214) 590-8000

5201 Harry Hines Blvd. 75235

Directions from Dallas Convention Center (est. 9 min, 4 Mi Away)

- Start out going NORTH on S GRIFFIN ST toward CEREMONIAL DR.
- Turn LEFT on ELM ST.
- ELM ST. becomes COMMERCE ST.
- Merge onto I-35E N/US-77 N toward AIRPORTS
- Take EXIT 430B-C towards MARKET CENTER BLVD.WYCLIFF AVE.
- Turn SLIGHT LEFT onto N STEMMONS FWY.
- Turn RIGHT onto MARKET CENTER BLVD.
- Turn LEFT onto HARRY HINES BLVD./TX-354 LOOP N
- Make a U-TURN onto HARRY HINES BLVD./TX-354 LOOP N
- Destination will be on the RIGHT

Mary Shields Hospital (214) 443-3000

3515 Howell St. 75204

Directions from Dallas Convention Center (est. 7 min, 3 Mi Away)

- Start out going NORTH on S GRIFFIN ST toward CEREMONIAL DR.
- Turn SLIGHT LEFT onto N FIELD ST.
- Merge onto TX-366 E/WOODALL RODGERS FWY E toward US-75 N
- Take EXIT 1 toward HALL ST/LEMMON AVE.
- Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto N CENTRAL EXPY/US-75 N
- Turn LEFT onto LEMMON AVE E
- Turn LEFT onto HOWELL ST.
- Destination will be on the RIGHT

DENTIST

Uptown Dental Care (214) 740-1186

2800 Routh St. 75201 www.uptowndentaltx.com

Directions from Dallas Convention Center (est. 7 min, 2 Mi Away)

- Start out going NORTH on S GRIFFIN ST toward CEREMONIAL DR.
- Turn SLIGHT LEFT onto N FIELD ST.
- Turn RIGHT onto CEDAR SPRINGS RD/TX-354 LOOP N. Continue to follow CEDAR SPRINGS RD.
- Turn RIGHT onto HOWELL ST.
- Turn LEFT onto ROUTH ST.
- Destination will be on the RIGHT

PHARMACIES

CVS (214) 880-9905

1001 Ross Ave. Apt. 112

Directions from Dallas Convention Center (est. 3 min, .67 Mi Away)

- Start out going NORTH on S GRIFFIN ST toward CEREMONIAL DR.
- Turn LEFT onto ROSS AVE.
- Destination will be on the RIGHT

DOWNTOWN RESTUARANTS

Founder's Square Deli & Care

900 Jackson St 75202
(214) 712-5900

Grandy's

901 Main St. 75202
(214) 655-2677

Record Grill

605 Elm St. 75202
(214) 742-1353

Morton's of Chicago

501 Elm St. 75202
(214) 741-2277

Quiznos Classic Subs

701 Commerce St Ste 120 75202
(214) 741-7861

Asia Wok Restaurant

901 Main St. 75202
(214) 752-5888

Landry's Seafood House West End

306 N Market St 75202
(214) 698-1010

Tony Roma's

310 N Market St. 75202
(214) 748-6959

Palm Restaurant

701 Ross Ave. 75202
(214) 646-1515

RJ Mexican Cuisine

1701 N Market St Ste 102 75202
(214) 504-1140

Subway

306 S Record St Ste 100 75202
(214) 742-7827

Chipotle Mexican Grill

208 N Market St Ste 100 75202
(214) 939-5272