



US Fencing Association Summer National Championships Atlanta, GA July 4 – 13, 2010

Please refer to the **Confirmed Entry List** for the status of your entry. The *Confirmed Entry List* is posted on the Summer Nationals 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 the division information. Report any discrepancies to U.S. Fencing immediately by e-mail (courtneyw@usfencing.org or t.brown@usfencing.org), by fax (719-632-5737) or by phone at (719-866-4511).

Event Check In Times will be posted on the USFA Website approximately two weeks after the May 17th regular fee deadline. **The schedule with this Packet is only the Day Schedule – you must check the website for the actual Check In Times schedule prior to the tournament.**

The Summer Nationals **Automatics** list is posted on the Summer Nationals web page and is updated as needed. This is a list of pre-qualified athletes which includes the following:

- ✓ Athletes on the Point Standings
- ✓ Athletes who pre-qualified based on their finish at the 2009 Summer Nationals
- ✓ Veteran Athletes who participated at a NAC during the current season
- ✓ Youth 10/12 athletes that attended an RYC or SYC during the current season
- ✓ Athletes who qualified through a ROC

***This list does not contain the names of athletes who have qualified for Summer Nationals at their Division or Section Tournament.

The USFA National Office must receive any changes to your information on the *Confirmation Letter* by June 21, 2010. CHANGES WILL NOT BE MADE AT SUMMER NATIONALS.

Classification Changes must be received by June 21, 2010 from an official source (the organizing Division or Section) to be reflected at Summer Nationals.

Written notification of **withdrawal** by e-mail, fax or mail must be received by the USFA by **June 28, 2010** for a refund of event fees. No refunds will be given for withdrawals after June 28, 2010. 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.

The athlete must show a Confirmation Receipt, a current USFA Membership Card or Photo ID when checking in for each event at the USFA Check In booth (any one of these three documents will be accepted at Check In). Parents and/or friends can't check in athletes for their event – the athlete must check in during the one hour time period specified on the USFA Summer Nationals Check In Time Schedule which will be posted on the USFA website in early June 2010.

USADA requires a picture ID (School ID is acceptable) for athletes selected for drug testing.

There must be at least two individuals entered in an event for the competition to be held.

If there are not enough entrants in an event to hold the competition, you will receive an email notification from the USFA by June 21, 2010 and you will receive a refund for the event fee following the Summer Nationals tournament.

EVENT CODES:

R	=	Rejected/Not Qualified	CHR	=	Wheelchair
\$REG	=	Registration Paid	U19	=	Under 19 (Junior)
\$R	=	Problem with Regular Payment	U16	=	Under 16 (Cadet)
\$LR	=	Problem with Late Payment	Y14	=	Youth 14
ME	=	Men's Epee	Y12	=	Youth 12
MF	=	Men's Foil	Y10	=	Youth 10
MS	=	Men's Saber	V40	=	Veteran 40-49
WE	=	Women's Epee	V50	=	Veteran 50-59
WF	=	Women's Foil	V60	=	Veteran 60-69
WS	=	Women's Saber	V70	=	Veteran 70 and older
DIA	=	Division I-A	TMREG	=	Individual w/ Team-only DV2
DV2	=	Division II	STM	=	Senior Team
DV3	=	Division III	JTM	=	Under 19 Team
DV1	=	Division 1	VTM	=	Veteran Open Team

2010 Summer Nationals & Associated Division & Section Qualifying Competitions

EVENT	Division I, IA, II, III	JUNIOR	CADET	YOUTH 14	YOUTH 12	YOUTH 10	Vet 40-49	Vet 50-59	Vet 60-69	Vet 70+
CODE	DV1, DVIA, DV2, DV3	U19	U16	Y14	Y12	Y10	V40	V50	V60	V70
BIRTH YEARS	1996 or earlier	1991-1997	1994-1996	1995-1998	1997-2000	1999-2002	9/2/60-1969	9/2/50-9/1/60	9/2/40-9/1/50	Born before 9/2/40

HOST HOTEL:**Omni Hotel**

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

VENUE:**Georgia World Congress Center****AIR RESERVATIONS:**

For assistance with travel arrangements, call Polk Majestic Travel at 866-481-2209 or United Airlines Olympic Desk at (800) 841-0460.

TRANSPORT – HOTEL/VENUE:

Venue and Host Hotel are across the street from each other.

AIRPORT/HOTEL:

Various Taxi and Shuttle Company options are available outside of the Baggage Area at the Airport.

CAR RENTAL:

To reserve an AVIS Car Rental use the following code:
(AWD) B740999

TEAM EVENT INFORMATION:

There must be **at least six teams entered in a team competition for the competition to be held**. The team captain and/or Club will be notified on or about June 5, 2010 if a team competition is cancelled.

Times shown on the USFA website for team competition are **Start Times**.

All Teams must be pre-registered. Team entries must be received by the May 17th deadline for regular fees or the May 24th final late entry triple fee deadline. If a Team entry is received after the regular fee deadline, it must include triple the total amount due or the entry will be returned. No new registrations will be taken at the Summer National Championships. Please provide a list of all potential members of the Team on the Team Entry Form so that each athlete's information can be checked prior to the Summer Nationals Tournament.

The **members of each team must be pre-registered**. Individuals competing **only** in the Team event must submit their entry by the deadline, paying only a registration fee (\$50). If an entry is received after the deadline, it must include triple the total amount due or the entry will be returned (\$150). No new registrations will be taken at Summer National Championships.

Team Captain:

The Captain of each team must go to the USFA Check-In area, located outside of the Exhibit Hall, and confirm the list of the Team Members' names by **2:00 p.m.** the **day before** each team competition. If the final team list is not submitted by 2:00 p.m. on the day before the team competition, the team will be disqualified from the event. On competition day, the Captain must check in at the Team Table, located near the stage, prior to the scheduled start of the event, even if the team has received a bye for the first round, or the Team will be disqualified from the event. A team must be composed of no less than three and no more than four fencers.

Composite Teams are not allowed at the Summer National Championships for Junior Team. Club/Division affiliation rules will be in effect as outlined in the Athlete Handbook.

For Senior Teams: **Composite Teams are only allowed at the Summer National Championships if no club from that geographic division registers. Fencers on the composite team must be from the same geographic USFA division.**

Veteran Team is an Open event and can be made up of veterans from any Club or Division.

INDIVIDUAL EVENT INFORMATION:

Fencers must check in each day they are competing in an individual competition during the time specified for that event or they will be disqualified from the event. 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 from a competition for other than medical reasons are subject to disqualification from the tournament and further disciplinary action by U.S. Fencing.

Only US citizens or permanent residents of the US, who have not represented a different country internationally in the last three years, are permitted to compete in any individual or team competition held at the Summer National Championships (the exception is the Youth 10 & 12 events as this is not a National Championship for these two groups).

Fencers are permitted to fence in a maximum of **one individual and one team competition on any one day**. Fencers **MUST** report to the strip when called. If a fencer is on a team and fencing in an individual event, it is reasonable to have the fourth fencer start the match. A team can make one substitution during a team match so the fencer could be a substitute after completing his/her individual bout. To make a substitution during a team match, the team captain must notify the referee and captain of the opposing team a full bout in advance of the substitution. At some point during the competition day, the fencer may have to choose which event to continue fencing.

WEAPONS CHECK:

Weapons Check will be open Saturday, July 3rd from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m., ONLY for those athletes competing the next morning.

Weapons check will be open each day of the competition during check in times and throughout the afternoon. 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.**

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 which must have a hold-down loop must overlap the metallic jacket that, itself, must overlap the cloth jacket.

Saber blades marked with the year of manufacture (S200 or higher) and/or conforming to the current FIE standards are required for all USFA competitions except Youth 10 competitions. The requirement for the new saber blades may 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

AWARDING OF POINTS:

Points are awarded for appropriate placement in Under-19, Under-16, Youth 14, Youth 12, Youth 10 and Veterans competitions (Veteran Points are awarded differently – see the 2009-2010 Athlete Handbook). The top 40% of the competitive field to a maximum place of 32nd is considered for national points. The cutoff is the nearest Direct elimination bracket to the 40% cutoff with value rounded down. If 40% of the field equals a mixed fraction number less than 32, the fraction portion of the number is dropped; the whole number equals the placement for determination of the bracket within which points will be awarded. Further details regarding calculations of points can be found in Chapter 3 in the 2009-2010 Athlete Handbook.

COMPETITION FORMATS:

There is no repêchage for any competition at the Summer Nationals. Bouts in the pool round are 5-touch bouts with a 3-minute fencing time limit. For direct elimination, except where noted, maximum score of bout is 15, with three 3-minute periods. In direct elimination bouts of 15 touches for men's and women's saber, the one-minute break occurs when one fencer scores 8 touches or the first three minutes of fencing expires, whichever occurs first.

Division I U19, U16	One round of pools; 6 or 7-person pool, 80% promoted to simple direct elimination
Division IA, Division II, Division III	One round of pools: with 5, 6 or 7 persons per pool with 80% promoted to simple direct elimination.
Y14	One round of pools, 5 and 6 or 6 and 7 persons per pool, 100% promoted to simple direct elimination.
Y12, Y10	One round of pools; 5 and 6 or 6 and 7 persons per pool, 100% promoted to direct elimination in which bouts are best 2 out of 3, 5 touch bouts, 1 minute rest between bouts.
Veteran	One round of pools; 5 and 6 or 6 and 7 persons per pool, 80% promoted** to simple direct elimination in which bouts are 10-touch bouts with two 3-minute periods. There is a one-minute rest between periods.
Senior 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 based on Senior national points at the close of entries and participating fencers' classifications earned prior to the summer nationals entry deadline. Fence off for 1 st and 3 rd .
U19 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 Summer Nationals entry deadline. Fence off for 1 st and 3 rd .
Veteran Open 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. Fence off for 1 st and 3 rd .
Wheelchair	One round of pools, 100% promoted to simple direct elimination.

*** Unless there are 8 or less in the competition, then 100% promoted. [BOD, Sept. 2008]

SEEDING AT SUMMER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

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.

- Division 1** Top 32 in National Senior Rankings, then ranking within classification, then classification/year
- Division I-A** Classification – by letter and year – A, B, C, D, E, U. Within the same class and year, random.
- Division II** Classification – by letter and year – C, D, E, U. Within the same class and year, random.
- Division III** Classification – by letter and year –D, E, U. Within the same class and year, random.
- Under-19** 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.
- Under-16** 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.
- Youth 12** National Youth 12 Rolling Point Standings, with top 8 ranked ahead of all others, followed by rank within each classification, followed by year within that classification.
- Youth 10** National Youth 10 Rolling Point Standings, with top 4 ranked ahead of all others, followed by rank within each classification, followed by year within that classification.
- Veteran Age** National Veteran Age Rolling Point Standings, with top 8 ranked ahead of all others, followed by rank within each classification, followed by year within that classification.
- Veteran Open Team** Seeding is based on Veteran national points at the close of entries and participating fencers' classifications earned prior to the summer nationals entry deadline.
- Senior Team** Seeding is based on Senior national points at the close of entries and participating fencers' classifications earned prior to the summer nationals entry deadline.
- U-19 Team** Seeding of teams based on Junior national points at the close of entries and participating fencers' classifications earned prior to the summer nationals entry deadline.

THE 2009-2010 ATHLETE HANDBOOK HAS MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON SEEDING.



FAQ:

What happens to my Entry, Petition or the Division/Section Qualifying Forms when the USFA National Office receives it?

Summer Nationals Entry Process:

1. Faxed, Online or Mailed entry is received by the National Office.
2. USFA Confirmation is emailed back to athlete or if you have registered online, you receive the Confirmation after your payment has been processed.
3. Faxed or mailed Entries are sent to Finance for payment processing.
4. Finance processes payment for faxed or mailed entries and sends entries to National Events. If you register online, your payment has already been processed and your entry is pending until we check the qualifying form for your Division or Section and clear your entry.
5. Entry is checked against the auto qualifying list and/or the Qualifying Forms (these must be submitted by the Division or Section in order to clear your Summer Nationals Entry).
6. Entry is entered/cleared in the tournament database.
7. Entry is filed.
8. Confirmed Entrant List is posted to the website and updated each Friday afternoon.

Qualifying Form Process:

1. Faxed, mailed or emailed Qualifying Forms are received by the National Office.
2. Classification changes from Qualifying Forms are processed.
3. Each athlete listed on the Qualifying Forms is checked for membership, club, division, citizenship, birth year and classification.
4. Qualifying Forms are then checked to determine the top 25%.
5. Divisions and Sections are notified if a fencer did not qualify. The Division and/or Section then notify the athlete of the error.
6. Qualifying Forms are filed in the corresponding Division or Section folder.
7. Entries are checked against the Qualifying Forms.

Petition Process:

1. Petition is received via mail, fax or email
2. Petition is sent to Finance for processing payment and then sent to National Events.
3. Petition is reviewed by the National Office.
4. Athlete is emailed if the petition is missing information.
5. Athlete is emailed if the petition is approved or denied.
6. Petitions are processed within 3-5 weeks from the date of receipt.
7. Completed Petitions are filed in the Division or Section folders in a "Petition" folder.
8. Entry is checked against Petition to determine if it has been approved.
9. Entry is processed.

Every member of the USFA National Office Staff contributes to getting your Entry, Petition or Qualifying Form processed. From all of us at the USFA Office, GOOD LUCK at the 2010 Summer Nationals!

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.

2010 USFA SUMMER NATIONALS SCHEDULE – REVISED 4 MARCH 2010
CHANGE WAS MADE TO SRWE TEAM ONLY – NO OTHER CHANGES WILL BE MADE

DATE\WEAPON	MEN'S EPÉE	MEN'S FOIL	MEN'S SABRE	WOMEN'S EPÉE	WOMEN'S FOIL	WOMEN'S SABRE
SUNDAY JULY 4		Under 16	Under 19	Youth 14	Under 19	Under 16
	Wheelchair	Youth 10		Wheelchair		Youth 10
				Under 19 Team		
MONDAY JULY 5	Division I	Under 19	Youth 14	Under 16	Youth 14	Division I
	Youth 12	Wheelchair			Wheelchair	Youth 12
					Under 19 Team	
TUESDAY JULY 6	Under 16	Youth 14	Division I	Division I	Under 16	Youth 14
			Youth 12	Youth 12		
		Under 19 Team	Wheelchair			Wheelchair
WEDNESDAY JULY 7	Youth 14	Division I	Division IA	Youth 10	Youth 12	Under 19
		Youth 12	Youth 10			
	Senior Team		Under 19 Team	Senior Team		
THURSDAY JULY 8	Under 19	Division III	Under 16	Under 19	Division I	Division IA
	Youth 10				Youth 10	Under 19 Team
FRIDAY JULY 9	Division IA	Division II	Division III	Division IA	Division II	Division III
		Senior Team				Senior Team
SATURDAY JULY 10 MEMBERSHIP & CONGRESS	Veteran 40-49	Division IA		Division III	Veteran 40-49	Division II
	Veteran 50-59				Veteran 50-59	
	Veteran 60-69				Veteran 60-69	
	Veteran 70+				Veteran 70+	
	Under 19 Team		Senior Team			Veteran Team
SUNDAY JULY 11 BOARD OF DIRECTORS	Division III	Veteran 40-49	Division II	Division II	Division IA	Veteran 40-49
		Veteran 50-59				Veteran 50-59
		Veteran 60-69				Veteran 60-69
	Veteran Team	Veteran 70+			Senior Team	Veteran 70+
MONDAY JULY 12	Division II		Veteran 40-49		Division III	
			Veteran 50-59			
			Veteran 60-69			
		Veteran Team	Veteran 70+	Veteran Team		
TUESDAY JULY 13			Veteran Team	Veteran 40-49	Veteran Team	
				Veteran 50-59		
				Veteran 60-69		
				Veteran 70+		

Fencers may fence in one individual and one team event per day