

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<br>Changed per BOD 7/09 | 15                      | 4 E's (or higher)                    | 2 E's (or higher) in top 8                   | 1 → D<br>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<br>2-4 → D<br>5-8 → E                                |
| GROUP C2                         | 25                      | 4 D's & 4 E's (or higher)            | 4 D's (or higher) in top 8                   | 1 → C<br>2-4 → D<br>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<br>5-8 → D<br>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<br>2-4 → C<br>5-6 → D<br>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<br>2-4 → C<br>5-8 → D<br>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<br>5-8 → C<br>9-16 → D<br>17-32 → E                |
| GROUP A1<br>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<br>2 → B<br>3-4 → C<br>5-6 → D<br>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<br>2-4 → B<br>5-8 → C<br>9-10 → D<br>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<br>5-8 → B<br>9-16 → C<br>17-24 → D<br>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<br>9-16 → B<br>17-24 → C<br>25-32 → D<br>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.