



**U.S. FENCING TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

**2010 Junior Olympic Championship  
 Memphis, TN: February 12-15 2010  
 Junior (U20) / Cadet (U17) / Junior Team**

Please refer to the *Confirmed Entry List* for the status of your entry. The *Confirmed Entry List* is posted on the Junior Olympic tournament web page located on the Junior Olympic Fencing website (<http://usfencing.org/pages/4262>). 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 ([information@usfencing.org](mailto: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, February 8, 2010.

Classification Changes must be received by Monday, February 1, 2010. Classification changes received after this date will not be reflected in the Junior Olympic Championships. Please verify your name is on the Confirmed Entrant List. Once you verify your name is on this list for each event you registered for, then you will only need to bring your USFA Membership Card or a photo ID to the tournament.

**Written notification of withdrawal** by e-mail, fax or mail must be received by the USFA by Monday, February 8, 2010 for a refund of event fees. Refunds are processed 4-6 weeks after the tournament. No refunds will be given for withdrawals after February 8. If a withdrawal is necessary after the deadline, please contact our office at 719-866-4511.

**CHECK-IN SCHEDULE:** Check-in times will be posted on the USFA website approximately three weeks prior to the tournament.

DATE	MEN'S EPÉE	MEN'S FOIL	MEN'S SABRE	WOMEN'S EPÉE	WOMEN'S FOIL	WOMEN'S SABRE
Friday, Feb. 12	Junior Team	Cadet	Junior	Cadet		
Saturday, Feb. 13	Junior	Junior Team	Junior Team		Cadet	Junior
Sunday, Feb. 14		Junior	Cadet	Junior	Junior Team	Junior Team
Monday, Feb. 15	Cadet			Junior Team	Junior	Cadet

- The above schedule is a day schedule. You must check the US Fencing website ([www.usfencing.org](http://www.usfencing.org)) for the check-in schedule. Fencers must check in within the indicated check-in hour or they will be withdrawn from the event. Fencers must check in each day they are competing and may enter only one event per day. Athlete are only eligible to fence in one individual event and one team event per day. If there is a time conflict with the event the athlete must choose which event to compete in.

**HOTEL:**

**For All USFA Hotel Reservations:**

**Marriott Hotel Downtown**

Contact Tournament Housing Services (THS)

Reservations by Phone: 888-536-TEAM

Reservations Online: [www.thsweb.com](http://www.thsweb.com)

**VENUE:**

**Memphis Convention Center (Main Exhibit Hall)**

255 North Main

Memphis, TN 38103

**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](http://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**  
Yellow Cab  
901-577-7777

**SHUTTLE – HOTEL/VENUE:** No shuttle provided, the Marriott is adjacent to the venue.

**PARKING:** Parking at the venue varies.

**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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## **FORMAT:**

### Individual Events:

There will be one round of pools with 80% of the fencers promoted to direct elimination (DE). There is NO repêchage at the Championship tournaments and there will NOT be a fence off for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, i.e., both fencers are tied for 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In the pool round, bouts are 5-touch bouts with 3-minute time limit. In direct elimination, bouts are 15-touch bouts, fenced in three 3-minute segments, with 1-minute rest between segments, for a total of 9 minutes fencing time. In sabre, the first period will end when the 3-minutes have passed or when the score of one of the fencers has reached 8.

National points are awarded to those placing in the same bracket as the top 40% of the number of fencers competing to a maximum place of 32.

### Seeding:

Junior- Top 24 in National Junior Rolling Points, then ranking within classification, then classification/year  
Cadet- Top 16 in National Cadet Rolling Points, then ranking within classification, then classification/year

### Team Events:

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. 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 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 11. Fencers’ can compete in one individual and one team event per day.

**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 from that competition. BOD 9/2006

**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](http://www.usantidoping.org)

**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

- 1. Cadet (U17) – A fencer born later than 1995 can fence in Cadet (U17), NAC Cadet and Junior Olympic U17 Championships qualifying round, IF the fencer is on the National Youth 14 Point Standings at the time of the Entry Deadline for that tournament.
- 2. Junior (U20) – A fencer born later than 1995 can fence in Junior (U20), NAC Junior and Junior Olympic U20 Championships qualifying round, IF the fencer is on the National Cadet (U17) point standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.

**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: [information@usfencing.org](mailto:information@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: [information@usfencing.org](mailto:information@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. A confirmed entry list is posted on [www.usfencing.org](http://www.usfencing.org) and updated weekly.* 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 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 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 [christine.simmons@usfencing.org](mailto:christine.simmons@usfencing.org).

*What are all the deadlines for this tournament?*

February 12-15, 2010 (Fri-Mon) Junior Olympic Championships

Deadline for Entries at Regular Fees:	January 19, 2010
Deadline for Division Qualifying Forms:	January 15, 2010
Late Entry Period at Triple Fees:	January 20– 25, 2010
Final Deadline for Entries at Triple Fees:	January 25, 2010
Deadline for Classification Changes:	February 1, 2010
Withdrawal Deadline:	February 8, 2010

## USFA CLASSIFICATION REFERENCE CHART

COMPETITION RATING	MINIMUM NBR COMPETITORS	RATED FENCERS REQUIRED	RATED FENCERS MUST FINISH	CLASSIFICATIONS AWARDED
GROUP E1	<b>6</b>	NONE	N/A	1 → E
GROUP D1 Changed per BOD 7/09	<b>15</b>	4 E's (or higher)	2 E's (or higher) in top 8	1 → D 2-4 → E
GROUP C1	<b>15</b>	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	<b>25</b>	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	<b>64</b>	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	<b>15</b>	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	<b>25</b>	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	<b>64</b>	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	<b>15</b>	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	<b>25</b>	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	<b>64</b>	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	<b>64</b>	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 MEMPHIS AREA

Memphis Cook Convention Center – Main Hall

255 N. Main St.

Memphis, TN 38103

### Hospitals

#### **St. Joseph Hospital (901) 557-2780**

220 Overton Ave

Directions from MCCC (est. 2 min, 0.4 mi away)

- Head NORTH on N MAIN ST toward WINCHESTER AVE.
- Turn RIGHT onto OVERTON AVE.

#### **St. Clare's Hospital (901) 524-5162**

130 Court Ave.

Directions from MCCC (est. 2 min, 0.5 mi away)

- Head SOUTH on N MAIN ST toward MARKET AVE
- Turn LEFT onto MARKET AVE.
- Turn RIGHT onto N 2<sup>ND</sup> ST
- Turn RIGHT onto COURT AVE.

### DENTIST

#### **Uptown Dental Center (901) 527-2101**

493 N Front St. #101

Directions from MCCC (est. 2 min, 0.5 mi away)

- Head NORTH on N MAIN ST toward WINCHESTER AVE
- Turn LEFT onto JACKSON AVE
- Turn RIGHT onto N FRONT ST.

#### **Vance Ave Dental Clinic (901) 526-4442**

516 Vance Ave

Directions from MCCC (est. 7 min, 1.8 mi away)

- Head NORTH on N MAIN ST toward MARKET AVE.
- Turn RIGHT on to N 2<sup>nd</sup> ST.
- Turn RIGHT onto N DANNY THOMAS BLVD.TN-14-TN-2-US-51.
- Turn LEFT onto LINDEN AVE/TN-278.
- Turn RIGHT onto S LAUDERDALE ST
- Turn RIGHT onto VANCE AVE.

### PHARMACIES

#### **Walgreens (901) 525-0036**

2 N Main St.

Directions from MCCC (est. 2 min, 0.7 mi away)

- Head NORTH on N MAIN ST toward WINCHESTER
- Turn LEFT onto WINCHESTER AVE.
- Turn LEFT onto N FRONT ST.
- Turn LEFT onto MADISON AVE.

## DOWNTOWN RESTAURANTS

### **Alcenia's Desserts & Preserves**

317 N Main St.  
(901) 523-0200

### **Rendezvous Ribs Shipping**

355 N Main St.  
(901) 523-8840

### **Westy's**

346 N Main St.  
(901) 543-3278

### **TJ Mulligans Pinch**

362 N Main St.  
(901) 523-1453

### **Acalister's Deli**

1 Commerce Sq Ste 150  
(901) 522-1867

### **Leonard's BBQ**

103 N Main St.  
(901) 528- 0875

### **Subway**

85 N Main St.  
(901) 543-3782

### **Louisiana Joe Wings & Things**

111 N Main St  
(901) 277-4917

### **Hamburgers & More**

94 N Main St  
(901) 543-9977

### **Joey's Pizza**

97 N Main St.  
(901) 522-9040

### **China Restaurant**

150 Jefferson Ave.  
(901) 527-3838

### **Wendy's**

315 Washington Ave.  
(901) 526-3841

### **Arcade Restaurant**

540 S. Main  
(901) 526-5757

### **BB King's Blues Club**

143 Beale  
(901) 524-5464

### **Beale Street Tap Room**

168 Beale  
(901) 527-4392

### **Green Beetle Sports Bar**

325 S. Main  
(901) 525-3354

### **Grill 83**

83 Madison  
(901) 333-1224

### **Ground Zero Blues Club**

158 Lt. George W. Lee  
(901) 522-0130

### **King's Palace Cafe**

162 Beale  
(901) 521-1851

### **The Majestic Grille**

145 S. Main  
(901) 522-8555

### **Front Street Deli**

77 S. Front  
(901) 522-8943



### 2010 Junior Olympic Championship Meeting Schedule and Locations

Friday – Monday	Tournament Officials (only) Lunch	Room 201	11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Friday, Saturday & Sunday	Sports Medicine/Fencing.net Seminars	Room 202	2:00 pm
Friday, February 12, 2010	Tournament Committee Meeting*	Room 204	Following Competition
Friday – Monday	Coaches College Display/Booth	Lobby outside Halls	
Friday, February 12, 2010	FOC Meeting	Room 203	Following End of Competition
Saturday, February 13, 2010	Executive Committee Meeting	Room 205	TBA
Saturday, February 13, 2010	Equip. & Tech. Committee Meeting*	Room 202	Following End of Competition
Sunday February 14, 2010	AAC Athlete Meeting	Room 204	3:00 pm
Sunday, February 14, 2010	US Fencing Board of Directors Meeting	Room 205	Following End of Competition

All meeting rooms are located at the Memphis Cook Convention Center.

\*Tentative meeting date, time and location.