



U.S. FENCING TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

**NORTH AMERICAN CUP “A”:
MEMPHIS, TN: OCTOBER 6-9, 2006**

DIVISION II (DV2)/DIVISION III (DV3) / CADET (U17)

Please refer to the *Confirmation Letter* for the status of your entry. Verify the events listed, classification for each weapon, and club/school information. Report any discrepancies to U.S. Fencing immediately by e-mail (christine.simmons@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 confirmation page by Monday, October 2, 2006. You **MUST** bring your USFA *Confirmation Letter* or *Confirmation Email* and your 2006-2007 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, October 2, 2006 for a refund of event fees. No refunds will be given for withdrawals after October 2. Refunds are processed 3-5 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 will be posted on the USFA website approximately three weeks prior to the tournament.

The Board of Directors has instructed us to indicate those competitions for which the close of registration is projected to be prior to 10 am; those competitions are indicated by a pound sign (#) on the schedule below.

Date	M. Epée	M. Foil	M. Sabre	W. Epée	W. Foil	W. Sabre
Friday, Oct 6	Cadet#	Division III#	Division II	Division II		
Saturday, Oct 7	Division III		Cadet#	Cadet#	Division II#	Division III
Sunday, Oct 8	Division II	Cadet#	Division III		Division III#	Cadet#
Monday, Oct 9		Division II#		Division III	Cadet#	Division II#

- **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:

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

VENUE:

Memphis Cook Convention Center NW & SW Halls
 255 N. Main Street
 Memphis, TN 38103

AIRLINE RESERVATIONS:

For assistance with travel arrangements, call the USFA Official Travel Partner – Polk Majestic Travel at 800-481-2209 or United Airlines Olympic Desk at 800-841-0460.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION From Airport to Hotels with various rates:

Unique Travel	(901) 848-0486
Tunica County Shuttle	(662) 357-9000
Tennessee Carriers	(901) 246-2988
Premier Transportation	(901) 577-7700
Tennco Transportation	(901) 345-7962

SHUTTLE – HOTEL/VENUE: Marriott Hotel is located next to the Venue

PARKING: \$5.00 Per day (No in and out privileges)

RENTAL CAR: To reserve an **Avis** rental car, please use the coupon enclosed with your Information Packet

CHECK IN:

Fencers must check in each day that they compete, within the indicated hours of check in, or they will be eliminated 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 medical reasons will be disqualified from the competition and national points 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. 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 epee 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.**

In sabre, all blades will be checked at weapons control to ensure that the blades conform to the new FIE flexibility requirements. You may need to allow more time for weapons check. Priority for checking weapons will be given to fencers competing that day.

FORMAT: Bouts in the pool round are 5-touch bouts with a 3-minute time limit.

Event	Bout Format
Division II (DV2)	One round of pools; 100% promoted to simple direct elimination in which bouts are 15-touch bouts in three 3-minute segments.
Division III (DV3)	One round of pools; 100% promoted to simple direct elimination in which bouts are 15-touch bouts in three 3-minute segments.
Cadet (U17)	One round of pools; 80% promoted to direct elimination with repêchage from 32 or 16, whichever is a complete table. Direct elimination bouts are 15-touch bouts in three 3-minute segments. Points awarded to top 40% (maximum of 32) of the competitive field to the nearest quadrant.

AGE RULES For National Level Tournaments 2006-2007***
***(Excluding Summer Nationals)**

CATEGORY	Division I	Division II	Division III	VET OPEN	VET 50-59	VET 60 +	JR	CDT	Y14	Y12	Y 10
CODE	DVI	DVII	DVIII	V40	V50-59	V60	U20	U17	Y14	Y12	Y10
AGE	< <u>OR</u> = TO 1993	< <u>OR</u> = TO 1993	< <u>OR</u> = TO 1993	< <u>OR</u> = TO 1966	9/1/57 – 9/2/47	Born before 9/2/47	1987 - 1993	1990 – 1993	1992- 1995	1994- 1997	1996-1999
CLASS	C, B <u>OR</u> A	C, D, E <u>OR</u> U	D, E <u>OR</u> U	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 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. Only those entries that have been successfully processed will be posted. Any entry received that has an issue, such as a credit card payment that failed, will not be posted. 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.

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 tournament deadline. The National Office then sends the information to the website to be posted.

USFA CLASSIFICATION REFERENCE CHART

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
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	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 2-4 → B 5-6 → C 7-8 → D
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 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)