

2010 South Carolina Division Qualifiers

Div II/ Div III/ Veteran/ U16/ Y14/ Team
Annual Division Members' Meeting

Palmetto Fencers Club
730 Polo Rd, Columbia, SC 29223
Columbia, SC
April 17-18, 2010
Registration Deadline: April 3, 2010

****Pre-registration is required. There will be no registration allowed at the door.****

This event is the primary qualification path for Division II, Division III, and Team events at the USFA 2010 Summer National Championships, July 4-13, Atlanta, GA.

Eligibility Criteria

The Eligibility Criteria for participation in the South Carolina Division Qualifiers follow the Entry Requirements of the 2010 Summer National Championships. Fencers must meet the Membership, Age, Ratings, and other Event pre-qualification requirements for participation in the National Events as specified below.

All entrants must place within the top 25% of their Qualifier event to qualify for the National Championships.

The following criteria are required of fencers who wish to register for the Division Qualifier and participate in a 2010 Summer National Championships Event:

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- All Entrants must be classified as United States Citizens or Permanent Residents.
- Entrants must also be current Competitive Member(s) of the United States Fencing Association and be member(s) of the South Carolina Division.
- Entrants may join the USFA at the Qualifying Tournament, but must still pre-register for the Tournament by the deadline.

AGE REQUIREMENT

- All Entrants in **Division II/III** Events must be thirteen (13) years old by January 1, 2010.
- All Entrants in **Veteran** Events must have been born 1968 or earlier.
- All Entrants in **U-16** Events must have been born between 1994 and 1997
- All Entrants in **Y-14** Events must have been born between 1995 and 1998

NOTE: If a fencer is listed in a National age group rolling point standing at the entry deadline, the fencer may enter the next older age category of competition, even if that fencer is younger than allowed by the age bracket.

DIV II/III EVENTS

- Entrants in the **Division II** Event must meet the Age Requirement, be USFA members in good standing and possess a ratings classification of "C", "D", "E" or "U" (Unclassified).
- Entrants in the **Division III** Event must meet the Age Requirement, be USFA members in good standing and possess a ratings classification of "D", "E" or "U" (Unclassified).

UNDER-16 (U-16) CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Fencers must be born between 1994 and 1997* AND
 - Be on the Under-16 point standings as of May 1, 2010 OR
 - Place in the top 25% of the Division's U16 qualifying competition OR
 - By Board action, any fencer who has qualified for the Under-19 National Championships becomes an automatic qualifier for the Under-16 Championships (BOD, 10/04) OR
 - Be in the Top 8 of the Youth 14 rolling point standings as of May 1, 2010

YOUTH 14 (Y-14) CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Fencers must have been born between 1995 and 1998* AND
 - Be on the Youth 14 rolling point standings as of May 1, 2010 **OR**
 - Place in the top 25% of the Division Youth 14 Qualifying competition **OR**
 - By Board action, any fencer who has qualified for the Under-19 National Championships becomes an automatic qualifier for the Under-14 Championships (BOD, 10/04)

VETERAN EVENTS

- Entrants must meet the Age Requirement, be USFA members in good standing, and must have competed in one of the following events during the current season (August 2009-July 2010):
 - 2010 Section championships,
 - Any 2010 Division II/III Qualifier Event, or
 - Any 2009-2010 North American Cup (N.A.C.) during the current season.
- Fencer must state on the Division Qualifier Entry Form the Competition by which he or she complied with qualification criteria and which Veteran Event/Age Group they are entering.

SENIOR and JUNIOR TEAM EVENTS

- There are no Composite TEAMS allowed at the Summer National Championships.
- Members of the Senior TEAM must be born no later than 1996 and the athlete must have represented the Club at a competition during the 2009-2010 Season.
- Members of the U19 TEAM must be born between 1991 and 1997
- A duly qualified and entered team for the National Championships need not limit the composition of its team to those team members who competed at the qualifying competition.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Individual Junior (Y-19) and Division 1A Events ***do not*** have a Qualifying Event at the SC Division Qualifier. Qualification for these events will be held at the Southeast Sectional Championships, scheduled for May 1-2, 2010 in Greensboro, NC.
- Youth-10/Youth-12 Fencers ***do not*** have a Qualifying Event at the SC Division Qualifier. Fencers in these categories must have competed in a Regional Youth Circuit or Super Youth Circuit in order to be eligible for the 2010 Summer National Championships.

Individual Event Cancellation Policy

All events must have a minimum of **four** entrants for the event to be held. Any individual event with less than four registered fencers will be cancelled. All fencers registered for a cancelled Qualification event will automatically qualify for the National event.

- In recent years, many or all of the Youth Events have received insufficient registrants to require they be fenced. The current arrangement of dates for the venue reflect a smaller number of expected registrants for the Youth Events. If a significant number of entries are received, and many of those events must be fenced, an alternate date will be chosen to fence those events.
- If an event is cancelled, the SC Division will attempt to inform all of the parties affected. Please provide accurate and complete contact information on your Registration Form.
- Mailed checks will be voided and returned to the address listed on the registration form if an event is cancelled.

SC Division Qualifier Tournament Format

- Each Event will consist of one (1) round of pools with 100% promotion to Direct Elimination. If there are six (6) or less fencers in an event then there will be one (1) round of pools with no Direct Elimination.
- USFA uniform and equipment rules will be enforced. Regulation fencing pants are required. No sweat pants allowed. Names will not be required on uniforms.
- Age and classification limits will be enforced. Entrants will fence with the classifications held on the day of the tournament, as determined by the most recent USFA roster.

Event Schedule

Event times are scheduled based on the number of fencers registered for each event. Official Event Times will be posted on the SC Division Listserv, the Division Web Site, and AskFRED.net after the registration closing date. The schedule below is **tentative**, and is based on previous years of holding the event. If all events must be fenced, the schedule below may be changed.

Divisional Meeting

****The Annual Division Members' Meeting will start at 3:00 PM on Saturday (April 17th), or immediately after the last event finishes, whichever is later.****

| | Men's Div II/III/Vets | Women's Div II/III/Vets | Men's Junior Team | Women's Junior Team | Men's Senior Team | Women's Senior Team |
|--------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Foil | Sat 4/17 | Sat 4/17 | Sat 4/17 | Sat 4/17 | Sat 4/17 | Sat 4/17 |
| Sabre | Sat 4/17 | Sat 4/17 | Sat 4/17 | Sat 4/17 | Sat 4/17 | Sat 4/17 |
| Epee | Sun 4/18 | Sun 4/18 | Sun 4/18 | Sun 4/18 | Sun 4/18 | Sun 4/18 |

| | Y16 Men | Y16 Women | Y14 Men | Y14 Women |
|--------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Foil | Sat 4/17 | Sat 4/17 | Sat 4/17 | Sat 4/17 |
| Sabre | Sat 4/17 | Sat 4/17 | Sat 4/17 | Sat 4/17 |
| Epee | Sun 4/18 | Sun 4/18 | Sun 4/18 | Sun 4/18 |

Registration

The registration cut-off date is **April 3, 2010**. Pre-registration is **required**. Fencers will not be permitted to register at the event.

- Mailed registration forms must be RECEIVED by the cut-off date. Postmark dates will not be honored.
- Fencers may register for events via paper form/postal mail, or online via AskFRED (<http://www.askfred.net>). Paper entries will be manually added to the AskFRED preregistration list. AskFRED is the preferred method of pre-registration.
- Entrants may pay in advance or at the door on the event day, but may not register for competition after the cut-off date.
- Address questions to Michael Strickland at (mstrickland@gmail.com) or by phone at 803-622-6881.
- Mail registration forms to:

**SC Divisionals Pre-registration
c/o Michael Strickland
130 Parlock Rd
Irmo, SC 29063**

Liability Waivers

All entrants **must** complete and submit a Liability Waiver. Individuals who pre-register online on AskFRED **must** submit a completed waiver form at the venue. Fencers who do not have a signed Liability Waiver on the day of competition will not be allowed to fence.

NOTE: Fencers under 18 **must** either (a) bring a completed Liability Form signed by a parent or guardian to the event, or (b) bring a parent/guardian to the event that can fill out the form at the venue.

USFA 2010 South Carolina Division Qualifier Registration Form

Please use a separate form for each fencer.

AskFRED is the preferred method of pre-registration. Bring this completed form with you if you use AskFred.

Mailed entry forms (if you must) with payment must be RECEIVED by 04/3/2010

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M. I. _____

USFA Member Number _____

Competition club _____

Classification (Rating and Year): Epee _____ Foil _____ Sabre _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

Birth date ____/____/____

Please check the appropriate box(es) for events entered. For Men's and Women's' Div II/III/Veteran, please additionally circle the specific event(s) you will participate in the column above the boxes:

| | Men's Div II/ III/Vets | Women's Div II/ III/Vets | Men's Senior Team | Women's Senior Team | Men's Junior Team | Women's Junior Team | Men's U16 | Women's U16 | Men's Y14 | Women's Y14 |
|-------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Foil | | | | | | | | | | |
| Epee | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sabre | | | | | | | | | | |

Fees

Individual Registration fee is **\$20.00**. Event Fee is **\$15 per event**. Please make checks payable to **South Carolina Division, USFA**.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH.

Registration Fee x \$20 = \$ _____ 20 _____

Number of Events x \$15 = \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed = \$ _____ **OR** I will pay at the event (initials) _____

Mail completed forms to:

SC Divisional Qualifiers Pre-Registration
c/o Mike Strickland
130 Parlock Road
Irmo, SC 29063

2010 South Carolina Divisional Qualifier
Team Registration Form

Please use a separate form for each team.

Pre-registration is required. There will be no registration at the door.

Mailed entry forms with payment must be RECEIVED by **April 3, 2010.**

Team Contact person _____

Phone # _____ E-mail _____

Team event _____

Team name _____

Club represented: _____

Team members:

_____ Classification (Rating and Year) _____

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Team Event fee is \$40 per team, per event. Please make checks payable to: South Carolina Division, USFA.

Mail registration forms with payment to:

Michael Strickland
SC Divisionals Pre-registration
130 Parlock Rd
Irmo, SC 29063

2010 South Carolina Division Qualifier Waiver Form

All entrants must read and sign each of the following statements. Entrants under the age of 18 must also have parent's or guardian's signature.

Waiver of Liability: Upon entering this tournament under the auspices of the South Carolina Division of the USFA, I agree to abide by the current rules of the USFA. I enter this tournament at my own risk and release the South Carolina Division of the USFA and its sponsors, referees, venues, and tournament organizers from any liability. The undersigned certifies that the birth date of the entrant is as stated on the entry form and that the entrant is a current competitive member of the USFA for the 2009-2010 fencing season.

Fencer Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Consent For Medical Treatment: This is to certify that on this date I, _____, give my consent to the of the South Carolina Division of USFA and/or its representative to obtain medical care from any licensed physician, emergency medical technician, hospital or clinic for the entrant for any injury or illness which may arise during activities associated with the South Carolina Division Qualifying Competition to Summer Nationals event.

Fencer Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date