

SC Division Qualifier to 2012 USA Fencing National Championships  
Register online on AskFRED.net by Friday, April 13

## South Carolina Division Qualifier 2012 USA Fencing National Championships *April 28-29, 2012 - South Carolina Division USA Fencing*

*This tournament is the primary qualifying path for events to be held June 29-July 8, 2012 at the 2012 USA Fencing National Championships, in Anaheim, California.*

**Fort Mill Fencing Academy**

**Leroy Springs Recreation Complex at ASC, 971 Tom Hall Street, Fort Mill, SC 29715**

*Registration Cut-Off: Friday April 13, 2012*

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

**Annual Division Meeting - Saturday, April 28 – Estimated 5pm (or after fencing ends for day).**

### ***Events:***

- Combined Division II/III Men's and Women's individual events in Foil, Epee, and Sabre.
- Youth-14 Men's and Women's individual events in Foil, Epee, and Sabre.

***Info:*** Separate Men's and Women's Individual Division II, Division III, and Youth-14 (Y-14) events will be fenced at the 2012 National Championships. **However, Division II and Division III ONLY will be a combined individual event** for each weapon fenced at the SC Division Qualifier (separated by gender).

**\*\*\*There is no longer a qualifying path through the Section.\*\*\***

Divisions do not hold qualifiers for Cadet (U16), Junior (U19), Senior Team, U19 Team, or Veteran Team events.

***Event Schedule:*** Event times will be scheduled based on the number of fencers registered for each event and the opening/closing times of the venue. 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' event registration numbers as well as the opening/closing times of the venue. **If all events must be fenced, the schedule below, INCLUDING EVENT DAYS/DATES, may be changed to accommodate the operating hours of the venue and to support adequate Referee staffing coverage.**

**Individual Event Schedule - Times TBA**

<b>April 28 (SATURDAY) 9:00am – 5:00pm (approximate)</b>	<b>April 29 (SUNDAY) 1:30pm – 5pm</b>
<b>DIV II/III</b>	<b>Y-14</b>
WOMEN'S EPEE	WOMEN'S EPEE
MEN'S EPEE	MEN'S EPEE
WOMEN'S SABRE	WOMEN'S SABRE
MEN'S SABRE	MEN'S SABRE
WOMEN'S FOIL	WOMEN'S FOIL
MEN'S FOIL	MEN'S FOIL
<b>** ANNUAL DIVISION MEETING **</b>	

## ***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.

USA Fencing uniform and equipment rules, including tests of masks, lames, and body cords, will be enforced. Regulation fencing pants with socks that cover the entire lower leg are required; no sweat pants allowed. Names will not be required on uniforms.

**Note:** Conductive lamé bibs for Foil are not required for this Qualifier, but are required at the National level (NACs and Championships) for Division I, Junior, Cadet, Veteran, and Wheelchair fencers.

## ***Individual Event Cancellation Policy***

All events must have a minimum of four (4) 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 of the events have received insufficient registrants to require they be fenced. If a significant number of entries are received, and many of those events must be fenced, an alternate date will be chosen to accommodate the complete fencing of 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.**

## ***National Championship Qualifier Eligibility Criteria***

Provided that the required number of fencers have pre-registered for an event by the pre-registration deadline, the SC Division Qualifier will fence the following events:

- **Combined Division II/III events in Foil, Epee, and Sabre, separated by gender**
- **Y-14 Foil, Epee, and Sabre, separated by gender**

Age, classification limits, and DIVISION AFFILIATION DESIGNATIONS will be enforced. Entrants will fence with the classifications held on the day of the tournament, as determined by the most recent USA Fencing roster.

If you have moved, etc., please verify your own information prior to registration to ensure your SC Division affiliation is correct with the National Office. **You cannot fence the SC Division Qualifier if you are not an SC Division Member.**

All registrants will be validated at the registration deadline. If your information indicates you are ineligible, you will be removed from the registration list.

## ***General Requirements***

The following criteria are required of all fencers who wish to enter the National Championships:

- U.S. citizen OR permanent resident who has not represented another country in the last three years.

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- Current competitive member of USA FENCING.
- The athlete's birth year falls in that age bracket OR on the national rolling point standings in the [next younger age bracket](#)
- A fencer must be on the [National Rolling Point Standings](#) (NRPS), or attend the Qualifier and place in the appropriate place or percentage for each event they wish to compete in.

**DIVISION II – NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Fencers must be 13 years old before January 1 of the current season or on the Junior NRPS. Fencers must have a classification in the weapon of “C”, “D”, “E” or Unclassified at the time of the qualifying competition **AND** meet age requirements as above **AND**

- **Place in the top 25% of the current season’s Division Qualifying competition** (see Table 1) [BoD, September 2006] **OR**
- Qualified for Division 1A, if classification eligible. [BoD, September 2008]\* **OR**
- Finish in the top 10% (with a minimum of 4) of a Division II ROC\* (see Table 2) [BoD, September 2010]

If a fencer meets the classification requirement when his or her application is processed by USA Fencing, and subsequently earns a higher classification, the fencer retains eligibility for that tournament.

*\*Note: If you have already qualified for Division IA through another avenue, you should already be qualified to register and fence Division II at Nationals and are not required to register for the Division Qualifier. Please check with the National Office for verification.*

**DIVISION III – NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Fencers must be 13 years old before January 1 of the current season or on the Junior NRPS. Fencers must have a classification in the weapon of “D”, “E” or Unclassified at the time of the qualifying competition **AND** meet age requirements as above **AND**

- **Place in the top 25% (see Table 1) of the total number of “D”, “E” or “U” fencers competing in the current season Division’s Division II Qualifying competition** (when Division II and Division III qualifying competition held together; See the example in Chapter 2 of the Athlete Handbook for more details) **OR**
- **Qualified for Division II\*\***. [BOD, September 2008].

If a fencer meets the classification requirement when his or her application is processed by USA Fencing, and subsequently earns a higher classification, the fencer retains eligibility for that tournament.

*\*\*Note: If you have already qualified for Division II through another avenue, you should already be qualified to register and fence Division III at Nationals and are not required to register for the Division Qualifier. Please check with the National Office for verification.*

**YOUTH-14 – NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Fencers must [meet age eligibility](#) **AND**

- Earn Youth 14 points at a current season Super Youth Circuit Competition\*\*\* **OR**

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- Earn points at a current season Youth 14 NAC, Cadet NAC, or the previous season's Cadet Summer National Championships\*\*\* **OR**
- Earn points at the previous season's Youth 14 Summer National Championships\*\*\* **OR**
- **Place in the top 25% (see Table 1) of the fencer's Division's Youth 14 qualifying competition held in the current season, OR**
- Place first in the Y14 event at a current-season RYC tournament\*\*\* [BoD, October 2010]. In mixed events, only the first place finisher is recognized as qualified.

*\*\*\*If you have already qualified for Y-14 through any of these methods, you should already be qualified to register and fence Y-14 at Nationals and are not required to register for the Division Qualifier. Please check with the National Office for verification.*

For more info, visit <http://usfencing.org/events/6791/page/13019>

## Liability Waivers

**\*\*All entrants must complete and submit a Liability Waiver, located on Page 6. \*\*** Individuals who pre-register on 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 to PARENTS AND GUARDIANS: Fencers under the age of 18 must:**

- (a) bring one Liability Waiver signed and completed by the parent or guardian of each fencer scheduled to compete,  
**OR**  
(b) bring their parent/guardian to the event who will fill out the form at the venue.

**You will not be permitted to fence without a signed and completed form.**

## Registration

- Online registration via AskFRED.net is the **preferred** registration method.
- Fencers may also register for events via paper form/postal mail.
- The registration cut-off date is **Friday, April 13, 2012**.
- 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.*
- Paper entries will be manually added to the online AskFRED registration list.
- Entrants may pay in advance or at the door on the event day, but may not register for competition after the registration cut-off date.
- Address questions to **Justin Mann, Division Chair**, at [fortmillfencing@gmail.com](mailto:fortmillfencing@gmail.com) , or by phone at **704-661-7709**.

Mail registration forms to:

**SC Division Qualifier Registration  
C/O Justin Mann  
1123 Gold Rush Court  
Fort Mill, SC 29708**

## USA Fencing 2012 South Carolina Division Qualifier Registration Form (Please use a separate form for each fencer.)

*NOTE: This form submission is not necessary if you have already registered for this tournament online.*

Mailed entry forms must be RECEIVED by **13 APRIL 2012**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ M. I. \_\_\_\_\_  
 USA Fencing 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.

	<b>Men's Div II/III</b>	<b>Women's Div II/III</b>	<b>Men's Y-14</b>	<b>Women's Y-14</b>
<b>Foil</b>				
<b>Epee</b>				
<b>Sabre</b>				

***Fees***

Event Fee is **\$25 per event, per entrant**. Registration Fee is **\$5 per entrant**. Please make checks payable to **South Carolina Division, USFA**.

Event Fee (# of events x \$25) = \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee (\$5 per fencer) = **\$5**

Total Due = \_\_\_\_\_

***Mail completed forms to:***

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