



2021-22 Age/Classification Eligibility

For 2021-22 Local/National Tournaments & Junior Olympic Championships (Excluding July Challenge, USA Fencing National Championships & Nationals Qualifying Tournaments Through Regions and Divisions)

CATEGORY	DIVISION I	DIVISION IA	DIVISION II	DIVISION III	SENIOR (OPEN) See 2.11.2	PARAFENCING & CLASSIFICATION TOURNAMENT	SENIOR TEAM	VETERAN (40 & Older) / VETERAN TEAM	VETERAN 40-49	VETERAN 50-59	VETERAN 60-69	VETERAN 70 & Older	VETERAN 80 & Older	JUNIOR & JUNIOR TEAM	CADET & CADET TEAM	YOUTH 14 & YOUTH 14 TEAM	YOUTH 12	YOUTH 10
CODE	DV1	D1A	DV2	DV3	SR Open	PARA	STM	VET/VTM	V40	V50	V60	V70	V80	JNR/JTM	CDT/CTM	Y14	Y12	Y10
BIRTH YEARS	Born 2008 or earlier	Born 2008 or earlier	Born 2008 or earlier	Born 2008 or earlier	Born 2008 or earlier	Born 2008 or earlier	Born 2008 or earlier	Born 1982 or earlier	1973-1982	1963-1972	1953-1962	Born 1952 or earlier	Born 1942 or earlier	2002-2008	2005-2008	2007-2010	2009-2012	2011-2014
CLASS	A, B OR C	N/A	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	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

July Challenge, USA Fencing National Championships & Associated REGIONAL & DIVISION Qualifying Competitions ONLY

CATEGORY	DIVISION I	DIVISION IA	DIVISION II	DIVISION III	PARAFENCING	VETERAN 40-49	VETERAN 50-59	VETERAN 60-69	VETERAN 70 & Older	VETERAN 80 & Older
CODE	DV1	D1A	DV2	DV3	PARA	V40	V50	V60	V70	V80
BIRTH YEARS	Born 2008 or earlier	Born 2008 or earlier	Born 2008 or earlier	Born 2008 or earlier	Born 2008 or earlier	1973-1982	1963-1972	1953-1962	Born 1952 or earlier	Born 1942 or earlier
CLASS	A, B OR C	N/A	C, D, E OR U	D, E OR U	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

CATEGORY	JUNIOR	CADET	YOUTH 14	YOUTH 12	YOUTH 10	SENIOR TEAM
CODE	JNR	CDT	Y14	Y12	Y10	STM
BIRTH YEARS	2003-2009	2006-2009	2007-2010	2009-2012	2011-2014	Born 2008 or earlier
CLASS	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

EXCEPTION TO AGE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (All other qualification criteria remains):

- Youth 12 – A fencer born after 2012 can fence in Y12 IF the fencer is on the National Youth 10 Point Standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
- Youth 14 – A fencer born after 2010 can fence in Y14 IF the fencer is on the National Youth 12 Point Standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
- Cadet (through JOs) – A fencer born after 2008 can fence in Cadet local and regional competitions, NAC Cadet tournaments and Junior Olympic Cadet Fencing Championship and qualifying tournaments IF the fencer is on the National Youth 14 Point Standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
- Junior (through JOs) – A fencer born after 2008 can fence in Junior local and regional competitions, NAC Junior and Junior Olympic Fencing Championships and qualifying tournaments IF the fencer is on the National Cadet Point Standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
- Cadet (After JOs) – A fencer born after 2009 can fence in Cadet competition for the 2021 July Challenge IF the fencer is on the National Youth 14 Point Standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
- Junior (After JOs) – A fencer born after 2009 can fence in Junior competition for the 2021 July Challenge IF the fencer is on the National Cadet Point Standings at the time of the entry deadline for that tournament.
- RJCCs held between JOs regular entry fee deadline and the Junior Olympic Championship will allow fencers that meet either the Junior Olympic birth year criteria or the July Challenge birth year criteria. Those who meet only the Junior Olympic birth year criteria may only earn new classifications, but will not receive regional points.
- Division I – For national (e.g., NAC) competitions, those born after 2009 must be on the National Junior Point Standings; for the 2022 July Challenge for Division I, those born after 2008 must be on the National Junior Point Standings.
- Division IA, II, III – For all local, regional (including ROC) and national (e.g., NAC) competitions, those born after 2008 must be on the National Junior Point Standings; for the 2022 National Championships and qualifying competitions for Division IA, II, III; those born after 2008 must be on the National Junior Point Standings.
- A fencer who is on the National Junior Rolling Point Standings (NRPS) and is younger than 13 may compete in Senior (Open) competition