



As USA Fencing recently published on their USA Fencing 101 social media post, the organization maintains a comprehensive points system, encompassing various categories and divisions, that play a pivotal role in the competitive landscape of the sport. Understanding these points systems is essential for fencers and their families, as they provide a roadmap for participation, qualification, and recognition within the fencing community.

In particular, there are 5 major points lists that fencers should be aware:

1. Regional Points Standing (Youth, Cadet, Junior)
2. Regional Open Circuit Standing (Div1A, Div2)
3. National Rolling Points Standing (Youth, Cadet, Junior, Senior, Veteran)
4. National Team Point Standing (Cadet, Junior, Senior, Veteran)
5. Parafencing National Point Standing

Regional Points Standing (Youth, Cadet, Junior)

What Are Regional Points?

Regional Points Standing, as the name suggests, pertains to the points earned by fencers in the Youth, Cadet, and Junior categories within their respective regions. The United States is divided into six fencing regions, and fencers accumulate regional points by competing in their own region. While Youth and Cadet/Junior regional points share some similarities, there are significant differences between the two.

Youth Regional Points:

Youth regional points are earned through participation in the Regional Youth Circuit (RYC) events. Each RYC awards up to 100 points, with fencers earning points based on their final placements. The total number of regional points a fencer can earn is the sum of their top three RYC results. It's important to note that RYC results are only valid for a single season (August 1 – July 31), and they do not correlate across different age categories.

How Are Youth Regional Points Used?

The primary purpose of Youth Regional points is to qualify for the National Championship in the respective age category. These championships are an integral part of the annual Summer Nationals event, which typically takes place in early July. Additionally, as fencers age out of their respective categories, their previous age regional points are no longer tracked.

Cadet and Junior Regional Points:

Cadet and Junior Regional Points are earned through participation in the Regional Junior and Cadet Circuit (RJCC) events. Similar to RYC events, each RJCC awards up to 100 points, and fencers accumulate points based on their final rankings. For Cadet



and Junior categories, the total number of regional points is determined by the sum of the top two RJCC results.

How Are Cadet and Junior Regional Points Used?

These points serve as qualifications for events such as Junior Olympics (JO's), which take place in February each year during Presidents' Day weekend, and the July Challenge, part of the Summer Nationals. Cadet and Junior age categories align with JO's, with their seasons running from February to February to facilitate the qualification process for Junior and Cadet World Championships.

Regional Open Circuit Standing (Div1A, Div2, Veteran)

Regional Open Circuit (ROC) events cater to Senior fencers (ages 13 and above) and Veteran fencers (ages 40 and above). Unlike RYC and RJCC events, ROC events are unique in several ways:

- **Inclusivity:** ROC events are open to competitors from all regions, making them more accessible for fencers regardless of their geographical location.
- **Two Distinct Divisions:** ROC events are divided into Div1A and Div2 categories. Div2 ROC events are exclusively for fencers rated C and lower (C, D, E, and U), while Div1A ROC events have no rating restrictions.
- **Age Groups:** Veteran ROC events are exclusively for fencers in the veteran age category (40 and above), while Div1A and Div2 ROC events are open to fencers of all ages.

ROC events offer a unique opportunity for young fencers to compete against seasoned adults, creating a dynamic and enriching experience. Additionally, ROC points are awarded to the top 40% of participants in Div1A and Div2.

National Rolling Points Standing (Youth, Cadet, Junior, Senior, Veteran)

National Rolling Points Standing (NRPS) encompasses a broader scope, featuring five age categories: Youth, Cadet, Junior, Senior, and Veteran. Fencers can earn NRPS points exclusively through national-level events or Super Regional Events. The three types of national-level events include:

- **National Championship:** Open to all age groups and divisions, National Championships serve as a pivotal platform for earning NRPS points.
- **North American Cups (NACs):** NACs are available for various age groups, including Y10/12/14, Cadet, Junior, Senior, Veteran Age, Veteran Combined, Div1, Div2, and Team events.
- **July Challenge:** Held in conjunction with USA Fencing Summer Nationals, July Challenge is a national-level competition for Div1, Cadet, and Juniors.

In addition to national-level events, two Super Regional Events contribute to NRPS points:



- Super Youth Circuit (SYC): SYC events are tailored for Youth (10/12/14) fencers.
- Super Junior and Cadet Circuit (SJCC): SJCC events are designed for Cadet and Junior fencers.

Unlike Regional points, NRPS points propagate down. For example, if a fencer earns national points in a higher age category, such as Junior or Div1, those points also contribute to their Cadet or Youth NRPS standings.

NRPS points offer a comprehensive overview of a fencer's performance over an extended period, as they are not reset each season but are substituted in a rolling window fashion. These rolling points reflect a fencer's progress and achievements, with results from specific events replacing those from similar events in the previous year. Moreover, NRPS calculations for Cadet, Junior, Senior, and Veteran categories incorporate international events, assigning them a greater weight for higher age categories (Cadet→Junior→Senior).

How Are NRPS Points Used?

NRPS points serve multiple purposes:

- Qualification: Fencers with NRPS points are automatically qualified for the respective national championship or July Challenge in their category.
- Seeding: NRPS points influence seeding in national and regional competitions, providing a competitive advantage based on a fencer's performance history.
- Traveling Teams: For Cadet, Junior, Senior, and Veteran fencers, NRPS points play a critical role in selecting the traveling team for international competitions, including World Championships and Olympic Games.

National Team Point Standing (Cadet, Junior, Senior, Veteran)

National Team Point Standing is a distinct category designed exclusively for selecting the national team that represents the United States in major international fencing competitions, such as the World Championships and Olympic Games. USA Fencing establishes specific criteria for National Team Points Standing and begins tracking them several months into the season.

In essence, National Team Points encompass a subset of the rolling points system, with predetermined tournaments that count toward a fencer's standing. These points serve as the primary determinant for team selection, ensuring that the most qualified and competitive fencers represent the United States on the international stage.

Conclusion

In the world of competitive fencing, points are the currency of recognition, qualification, and progress. Understanding the nuances of the various points systems, from Regional to National Rolling Points and National Team Points, is essential for fencers and their families. These points systems serve as roadmaps, guiding fencers on their journeys,



rewarding dedication and performance, and ultimately shaping the future of fencing in the United States.

Summer Nac Qualification Requirements

2025 JULY CHALLENGE: HOW TO QUALIFY

EARNING YOUR SPOT IN ONE OF THE NON-CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS HELD AT SUMMER NATIONALS

	NATIONAL POINTS				REGIONAL POINTS				NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS	FOREIGN*
	Senior	Junior	Cadet	Y14	Div IA	Div II	Junior	Cadet		
Division I	Have	Have	Top 24 on Points List at time of close of regular deadline		Top 16	Top 4			Compete	Meet classification standard of A or B
Junior		Have	Have	Top 25%			Earn 65 points			Meet classification standard of A or B OR Top 40% percent at IRC in either Cadet or Junior
Cadet			Have	Top 50%			Earn 65 points	Earn 65 points		Meet classification standard of A, B or C OR Top 40% percent at IRC in either Cadet or Junior

*See section 2.1.5 in the Athlete Handbook for the Classification Standard Chart

2025 SUMMER NATIONALS

JUNE 28–JULY 7, 2025
 MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Important Notes as You Read This Chart

- There are many ways to qualify for the Summer Nationals. Start by finding your division on the left. If you meet the requirements in any of the boxes for your row, you're in!
- When you see "Have," that means the athlete appears on the applicable National or Regional Rolling Points list at the time of close of regular fee registration for the National Championships.
- For the regional qualification path for Juniors and Cadets, USA Fencing will take the top two regional results from RJCC competitions to calculate whether a Junior or Cadet fencer has reached 65 points
- Entry deadline is May 10. Petition deadline is May 17 if you do not meet any of the requirements listed in the chart.



2025 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: HOW TO QUALIFY

EARNING YOUR SPOT IN ONE OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS HELD AT SUMMER NATIONALS

	NATIONAL POINTS				REGIONAL POINTS						DIVISION QUALIFIER		
	Y14	Y12	Y10	Vet	Y14	Y12	Y10	Div IA	Div II	Vet	Y14	Div II	Div III
Y14	Have				Earn 150 points						Top 3 or Top 25% (whichever is higher)		
Y12		Have			Earn 150 points	Earn 70 points							
Y10			Have			Earn 60 points	Have						
Division IA								Have	Top 8 (Regional Points List)				
Division II								Have	Have			Top 3 or Top 25% (whichever is higher)	
Division III								Have	Have			Top 3 or Top 25% (whichever is higher)	Top 3 or Top 25% (whichever is higher)
Veteran				Compete				Compete		Be on Vet Combined regional point standings at regular fee deadline		Compete	

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- When you see "Have," that means the athlete appears on the applicable National or Regional Rolling Points list at the time of close of regular fee registration for the National Championships.
- The events listed above are U.S. national championships, meaning they are for U.S. citizens or permanent residents only.
- For the regional path to the national championships in Y14/Y12/Y10, USA Fencing will use points from the top 3 regional (RYC) results toward qualification.
- Entry deadline is May 10. Petition deadline is May 17 if you do not meet any of the requirements listed in the chart.



SJCC, SYC and ROC Points

REGIONAL POINT TABLE (SJCC, SYC AND ROC)

PLACE	SUPER YOUTH			SJCC		PLACE	ROC				PLACE
	Y10	Y12	Y14	CADET	JUNIOR		DIV IA	DIV II	DIV III	VET	
1	80	120	160	160	240	1	1000	500	500	1000	1
2	73.6	110.4	147.2	147.2	220.8	2	920	460	460	920	2
3	68	102	136	136	204	3	850	425	425	850	3
3	68	102	136	136	204	3	850	425	425	850	3
5	56	84	112	112	168	5	700	350	350	700	5
6	55.6	83.4	111.2	111.2	166.8	6	695	347.5	347.5	695	6
7	55.2	82.8	110.4	110.4	165.6	7	690	345	345	690	7
8	54.8	82.2	109.6	109.6	164.4	8	685	342.5	342.5	685	8
9	42.8	64.2	85.6	85.6	128.4	9	535	267.5	267.5	535	9
10	42.4	63.6	84.8	84.8	127.2	10	530	265	265	530	10
11	42	63	84	84	126	11	525	262.5	262.5	525	11
12	41.6	62.4	83.2	83.2	124.8	12	520	260	260	520	12
13	41.2	61.8	82.4	82.4	123.6	13	515	257.5	257.5	515	13
14	40.8	61.2	81.6	81.6	122.4	14	510	255	255	510	14
15	40.4	60.6	80.8	80.8	121.2	15	505	252.5	252.5	505	15
16	40	60	80	80	120	16	500	250	250	500	16
17	28	42	56	56	84	17	350	175	175	350	17
18	27.6	41.4	55.2	55.2	82.8	18	345	172.5	172.5	345	18
19	27.2	40.8	54.4	54.4	81.6	19	340	170	170	340	19
20	26.8	40.2	53.6	53.6	80.4	20	335	167.5	167.5	335	20
21	26.4	39.6	52.8	52.8	79.2	21	330	165	165	330	21
22	26	39	52	52	78	22	325	162.5	162.5	325	22
23	25.6	38.4	51.2	51.2	76.8	23	320	160	160	320	23
24	25.2	37.8	50.4	50.4	75.6	24	315	157.5	157.5	315	24
25	24.8	37.2	49.6	49.6	74.4	25	310	155	155	310	25
26	24.4	36.6	48.8	48.8	73.2	26	305	152.5	152.5	305	26
27	24	36	48	48	72	27	300	150	150	300	27
28	23.6	35.4	47.2	47.2	70.8	28	295	147.5	147.5	295	28
29	23.2	34.8	46.4	46.4	69.6	29	290	145	145	290	29
30	22.8	34.2	45.6	45.6	68.4	30	285	142.5	142.5	285	30
31	22.4	33.6	44.8	44.8	67.2	31	280	140	140	280	31
32	22	33	44	44	66	32	275	137.5	137.5	275	32



Rating Table

EVENT RATING	MINIMUM NBR COMPETITORS	RATED FENCERS REQUIRED	RATED FENCERS MUST FINISH	CLASSIFICATIONS AWARDED
GROUP E1	6	None	N/A	1 → E
GROUP D1 Changed per BOD	15	4 E's (or higher)	2 E's (or higher) In top 8	1 → D 2-4 → E
GROUP C1	15	2 C's & 2 D's & 2 E's (or	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	4 D's (or higher) In top 8	1 → C 2-4 → D 5-8 → E
GROUP C3	63	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 & 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 & C's (or higher) In top 8	1 → B 2-4 → C 5-8 → D 9-12 → E
GROUP B3	63	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	15	2 A's & 2 B's & 2 C's	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	25	2 A's & 2 B's & 2 C's	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	63	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	63	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

Local tournaments must use at least one rated referee in order to issue ratings. Division I NAC and National Championships are always Group A4 events.

Division IA NAC & National Championships are always at least Group A3 events.



Regions

