

# HOW TO QUALIFY FOR USFA SUMMER FENCING NATIONALS

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Understanding the qualification path is much simpler than you think!



## 2016

## GOAL:

Participate in the USFA Summer Nationals Tournament in Dallas  
June 29-July 8, 2016



for future years, check the USFA rules for that fencing season

### 1st: Determine Age Category

Remember that age categories cross qualify (check out the details below)

Skip ahead to yours or read through them all!

## Essential Definitions

### Age Categories

For Summer Nationals

Y10 (b. 2005-2008)

Y12 (b. 2003-2006)

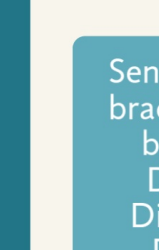
Y14 (b. 2001-2004)

Cadet (b. 2000-2003)

Junior (b. 1997-2003)

Senior (b. 2002 or earlier)

Vets (b. 1976 or earlier)



### Pay attention!

Ages overlap, so your child typically can participate in several categories

**Qualification is needed for Championships and July Challenge**

Senior - the only age bracket that has skill based divisions:  
Div 1 (A, B, C)  
Div 2 (C, D, E, U)  
Div 3 (D, E, U)  
Div 1A (any rating)

2016 Summer Nationals Championship Sections

2016 July Challenge Sections

Y10

Cadet

AND

Y12

AND

Junior

AND

Y14

AND

Div 1

AND

Div 1A

AND

Div 2

AND

Div 3

AND

Vets

AND

Senior Team

### National vs Regional Points

#### National

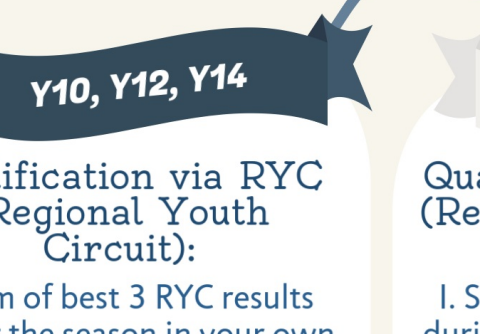
Qualifying competitions award National Points to fencers depending their performance and category.

#### Regional

Qualifying competitions award regional points to qualified fencers only if they live in the same Region where the competition was held.

\*Seniors are the exception: they can earn points from any region

### US Fencing Regions



### Regional Points Basics

All regional points are valid in the current season and reset to 0 at the beginning of the new season.

### Y10, Y12, Y14

#### Qualification via RYC (Regional Youth Circuit):

I. Sum of best 3 RYC results during the season in your own region (separate for each weapon and age group you fenced)

II. All regional fencers who competed in RYC's in your region in same weapon and age group are sorted out by their regional points

III. This list is the regional points list for that gender/age/weapon

### Cadet/Junior

#### Qualification via RJCC (Regional Junior/Cadet Circuit):

I. Sum of best 2 RJCC results during the season in your own region (separate for each weapon and age group you fenced)

II. All regional fencers who competed in RJCC in your region in same weapon and age group are sorted out by their regional points

III. This list is the regional points list for that gender/age/weapon

### Senior

#### for Division 1A and Division 2 - Qualification via ROC (Regional Open Circuit)

I. Sum of best 3 ROC results during the season anywhere in the country (separate for each weapon and Division you fenced)

II. All fencers who competed in ROC in your weapon/division are sorted out into the same list

III. This list is the regional points list for that gender/age/weapon

### GOOD SO FAR?

More details below



## Y10 (Youth 10) For the 2015-2016 Season Summer Nationals, fencers born in the years 2005-2008.

### National Path

Earn Points at Participating National Competitions

On Y10 NRPS

\* NRPS = National Rolling Points Standings, on USFA website

### Regional Path

Rank through Regional Level Competitions

On Y10 Regional Points List

Qualify for Y12

OR

GOAL: Participate in the USFA Summer Nationals Competition in Y10 division

## Y12 (Youth 12) For the 2015-2016 Season Summer Nationals, fencers born in the years 2003-2006. If younger, then must be on Y10 National Points List

### National Path

Earn Points at Participating National Competitions

On Y12 NRPS

\* NRPS = National Rolling Points Standings, on USFA website

### Regional Path

Rank through Regional Level Competitions

Top 65% Y12

\* Y12 Regional Point Standings NO Y10 possibility here!

### Divisional Path

Rank Through Divisional Qualifying Competitions

Top 25% Y14!

\* NO Y12 qualifier - fencers must enter the Y14 to go this route

OR

Top 8 Y10 NRPS

OR

Qualify for Y14

OR

Each Divisional Qualifier is a single, go-no-go event, with 25% making the cut at the competition

GOAL: Participate in the USFA Summer Nationals Competition in Y12 division

## Y14 (Youth 14) For the 2015-2016 Season Summer Nationals, fencers born in the years 2001-2004. If younger, then must be on Y12 National Points List

### National Path

Earn Points at Participating National Competitions

On Y14 NRPS

\* NRPS = National Rolling Points Standings, on USFA website

### Regional Path

Rank through Regional Level Competitions

Top 30%

\* Y14 Regional Point Standings NO Y12 possibility here!

### Divisional Path

Rank Through Divisional Qualifying Competitions

Top 25%

\* Y14 Division Qualifier

OR

Top 16 Y12 NRPS

OR

Qualify for Y14

OR

Each Divisional Qualifier is a single, go-no-go event, with 25% making the cut at the competition

GOAL: Participate in the USFA Summer Nationals Competition in Y14 division

## Cadet, Junior Competitors must be 13 years old before January 1 of the current season or on the Junior national rolling point standings (NRPS).

### Cadet

Must be age eligible

On Cadet NRPS

\* NRPS = National Rolling Points Standings, on USFA website \* Age out after JOs

### Junior

Must be age eligible

On Junior NRPS

\* NRPS = National Rolling Points Standings, on USFA website \* Age out after JOs

OR

Top 50% Y14 NRPS

OR

On Cadet NRPS

OR

Top 50% Your region's Junior Regional Circuit Points

OR

Top 50% Your region's Junior Regional Circuit Points

OR

Top 50% Your region's Cadet Regional Circuit Points

OR

Top 25% Y14 NRPS

GOAL: Participate in the USFA July Challenge in Junior or Cadet

## Seniors These categories are separated into divisions. Competitors must be 13 years old before January 1 of the current season. If younger, must be on Junior National Points List

### Division 1

On Senior NRPS

Top 48 Junior NRPS

Top 24 Cadet NRPS

Top 16 Div I-A Regional Points Standings

Top 4 Division II regional points

### Division 2

Classification in the weapon of "C", "D", "E" or "U"

Top 25% Divisional Qualifier

Regional Points (1) on D1A ROC Regional Point Standings

Regional Points (2) on the Div II ROC Regional Point Standings

### Division 3

Classification of "D", "E" or "U"

Top 25%

Open Circuit Points on the Div I-A or Div II Regional Open Circuit Point Standings

Top 40% 2016 Div III NAC

### Division 1A

Top 8 Division I-A National Championships \* Last Year Div I-A Championship

Top 4 Division II National Championships \* Last Year Div II Championship

Regional Points on D1A ROC Regional Point Standings

GOAL: Participate in one of the senior divisions tournament or July Challenge

### Need more info?

The USFA has a detailed qualification and rules explanation. Click here, then scroll down to read the Championship and July Challenge tabs.



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