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**2009-2010
SEASON**

The Southwest Section of the USFA is comprised of the following divisions:

- Arkansas-Louisiana-Mississippi
- Border Texas
- Gulf Coast
- Louisiana
- North Texas
- Oklahoma
- South Texas

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2010 Southwest Section Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting for the Membership of the Southwest Section will be held Saturday, April 17th, at 5:30 pm or the end of fencing , whichever is LATER, at the event venue in Edmond,OK

Voting

Members in good standing who are 18 and over, as of February 1st of the membership year and who have provided the USFA with their date of birth by February 1st of the membership year may vote on matters of the USFA in accordance with the provisions of the USFA Bylaws.

A list of eligible voting members for the 2010 annual meeting is available:

<http://www.southwestfencing.org/09-10/2010voters.htm>

Proxies are available: http://askfred.net/Committee/Downloads/fileDL.php?file_id=344

Please email secretary@southwestfencing.org if you have items you would like added to the agenda.

The Southwest Sectional Qualifying Tournament for the 2010 Summer National Championships will be held on April 17 & 18, 2010 in Edmond, Oklahoma.

Registration is Open on AskFred:

http://askfred.net/Events/moreInfo.php?tournament_id=10896

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#	TOURNAMENT	LOCATION	DATE	ASKFRED	RESULTS
#1	Longhorn Open 2009 (South Texas Division)	University of Texas - Austin COMPLETED	Oct. 17-18, 2009	http://askfred.net/Events/moreInfo.php?tournament_id=9101	http://askfred.net/Results/results.php?tournament_id=9101
#2	2009 Wang Memorial SSCC and RYC (North Texas Division)	Will Rogers Center - Armon Carter E. D. Smith Hall: Fort Worth, TX COMPLETED	Nov. 14-15, 2009	http://askfred.net/Events/moreInfo.php?tournament_id=8769	http://askfred.net/Results/results.php?tournament_id=8769
#3	Gulf Coast SSCC #3 (Gulf Coast Division)	BCFA Houston Athletic Fencing Center: Houston, TX	Apr. 10-11, 2010	http://askfred.net/Events/moreInfo.php?tournament_id=11123	

2009-2010 Southwest Section Regional Youth Circuit Events

TOURNAMENT	DATE	LOCATION	LINKS/RESULTS
Wang Memorial SSCC#2 and RYC #1	November 14-15, 2009 COMPLETED	Fort Worth, TX	http://askfred.net/Results/results.php?tournament_id=8769
Austin Challenge and RYC #2	January 9-11, 2010 COMPLETED	Austin, TX	http://askfred.net/Results/results.php?tournament_id=10016
El Paso RYC #3	February 21-23, 2010 COMPLETED	El Paso, TX	http://askfred.net/Results/results.php?tournament_id=10665
RYC #4- Salle Mauro	March 27-28, 2010	Rice University Recreation Center: Houston, TX	http://askfred.net/Events/moreInfo.php?tournament_id=10880

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Recently Published Material

The 2009-2010 Athlete Handbook

The 2009-2010 Athlete Handbook is available on the USFA web page under the Resources menu, in the Document listing. [//assets.usoc.org/assets/documents/attached_file/filename/20834/AH_Final.pdf](http://assets.usoc.org/assets/documents/attached_file/filename/20834/AH_Final.pdf).

2010 Division/Section Information

The Division/Section information published is very valuable in understanding the qualifying requirements and competitions for the 2010 Summer Nationals. http://assets.usoc.org/assets/documents/attached_file/filename/22577/2010_Division_Section_SN_Qualifier_Information_Final_Feb_25.pdf

Editor's Note:

News and proposed changes keep developing. This is a very active season of change for our fencing community. I heartily encourage our fencers to be proactive in the issues that will affect your fencing interests, time, and money.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be during the Summer Nationals in Atlanta, GA.



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USFA 2009 – 2010 National Tournament Dates and Deadlines

NAC A **DV2/DV3/U17** **Des Moines, IA** **October 9-12, 2009**
 Regular Fee Entry Deadline August 24, 2009
 Late Fee Entry Period August 25-31, 2009
 Classification Change Report Due to the National Office September 28, 2009
Withdraw Deadline **October 5, 2009**

NAC B **U20/U17/Y14** **Kansas City, KS** **November 6-9, 2009**
 Regular Fee Entry Deadline September 7, 2009
 Late Fee Entry Period September 8-21, 2009
 Classification Change Report Due to the National Office October 26, 2009
Withdraw Deadline **November 2, 2009**

NAC C **DV1/VET/CHR** **Pittsburgh, PA** **December 4-6, 2009**
 Regular Fee Entry Deadline October 5, 2009
 Late Fee Entry Period October 6-19, 2009
 Classification Change Report Due to the National Office November 23, 2009
Withdraw Deadline **November 30, 2009**

NAC D **DV1/U20** **San Jose, CA** **January 15-18, 2010**
 Regular Fee Entry Deadline November 16, 2009
 Late Fee Entry Period November 17-30, 2009
 Classification Change Report Due to the National Office January 4, 2009
Withdraw Deadline **January 11, 2010**

Junior Olympics **U20/U17** **Memphis, TN** **February 12-15, 2010**
 Regular Fee Entry Deadline January 19, 2010
 Late Fee Entry Period January 20-25, 2010
 Division Qualifying Forms January 15, 2010
 Classification Change Report Due to the National Office February 1, 2010
Withdraw Deadline **February 8, 2010**

NAC E **DV2/DV3/VET/CHR** **Dallas, TX** **March 26-29, 2010**
 Regular Fee Entry Deadline February 8, 2010
 Late Fee Entry Period February 9-15, 2010
 Classification Change Report Due to the National Office March 19, 2010
Withdraw Deadline **March 22, 2010**

NAC F **DV1/Y14/Y12/Y10** **Virginia Beach, VA** **April 23-26, 2010**
 Regular Fee Entry Deadline March 8, 2010
 Late Fee Entry Period March 9-19, 2010
 Classification Change Report Due to the National Office April 12, 2010
Withdraw Deadline **April 19, 2010**

Summer Nationals **Atlanta, GA**
 Regular Fee Entry Deadline
 Division & Section Qualifying Forms
 Late Fee Entry Period
 Classification Change Report Due to the National Office
Withdraw Deadline



July 4-13, 2010
 May 10, 2010
 May 10, 2010
 May 11-21, 2010
 June 21, 2010
June 28, 2010

DATES COMING UP

SCHEDULE TO BE UPDATED

**ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE USFA'S B.O.D. MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2010
Memphis, TN**

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Second Hearing

1. Motion (Mr. Clements): **Withdrawn**

Second: Mr. Dilworth

New membership classes

2. Motion (Mr. Streb; Seconded by Mr. Blake): **Tabled - Referred to committees**

To adopt 100% promotion from pools to direct eliminations in all Veteran USFA National events including NAC's & Summer National Championships.

3. Motion (Mr. Masin; Seconded by Mr. Kuver): **Amended & Passed**

Modify Section 5.2.B.1 of the Operations Manual on Club affiliation.

4. Motion (Mr. Dilworth; Seconded by Mr. Baker): **Table till Sept. Meeting - Referred to Committees**

The US Fencing Operations manual will be modified as listed in Appendix L effective on 8/1/2010. This motion is about clubs sanctioning of events

5. Motion (Mr. Clements; Seconded by Mrs. Bell): **Amended & Passed**

Limits on ED spending/contracting

6. Motion (Mr. Clements; Seconded by Mr. Blake) **Tabled - Referred to Tournament Committee**

Exclusion Process.

New Bylaws:

Prior to the meeting, the bylaws group held open meetings for feedback. As a result of the feedback, **they removed the sunseting of divisions and sections from the new bylaws, opting to leave the division/section structure alone and let the new Board deal with that later.**

There still was quite a bit of discussion about the bylaws, and a lot of questions were raised. However, in the end, the new bylaws (without the div/section stuff) were **voted to be presented to the membership in July.** The vote was something like 16 for and 5 against.

B. First Hearing

1. Motion (Mr. Baker): **Moved to Urgent & Passed**

To approve the Committee List as distributed at the Board Meeting

2. Motion (Mr. Masin): **Moved to Urgent & Passed**

Starting at the next meeting of the USFA Board of Directors, the committee in charge of evaluating proposals for replacing the current classification system be required to give a report on the status of their evaluation at each meeting of the Board. The first report should include a description of the replacement systems being evaluated. That report and all subsequent reports should indicate the progress being made in the evaluation and a projected date when a final recommendation will be made.

3. Motion (Mr. Masin): **Referred to Tournament Committee**

Team Event Proposal

Eliminate the Divisional qualifying competitions for the Senior and Junior team events at the Summer Nationals and imposing team composition requirements.

(continued)

4. Motion (Mrs. Carter, on behalf of the Veterans Committee): **Amended & Passed**

Make permanent the V70 category.

5. Motion (Mr. Berke): **Moved to Urgent & Passed**

To rewrite qualifier rules to be clearer and give examples in the ops manual.

6. Motion (Mr. Stasinov, on behalf of the Tournament Committee): **Moved to Urgent & Passed**

Revise the National Tournament Schedule. Begin the use of the schedule in the 2010-2011 Fencing Season.

Proposed schedule:

North American Cup A Div. 1, Div. 2, Veterans (combined, Vet 50-59, 60+), Senior Team	October 2010
North American Cup B Y-14, Cadet, Junior, Junior Team	November 2010
North American Cup C Div.1, Junior, Cadet, Jr. or Senior Team	January 2011
Junior Olympics Junior, Cadet, Junior Team	February 2011
North American Cup D Div.2, Div.3, Veterans (Vet combined, Vet 50-59, Vet 60+), Div.2 Team	March 2011
North American Cup E Div.1, Y-10, Y-12, Y-14, Wheelchair Championships (worlds held in July for Wheelchair. Depending on the world schedule for Wheelchair Championships it could be held at the Summer Nationals).	April 2011
Summer Nationals Div.1, Div.1A, Div.2, Div.3, Y-10 (NAC), Y-12 (NAC), Y-14, Senior Team, Veteran Team, Veteran (Vet. 40-49, 50-59, 60+), Cadet (NAC), Junior (NAC)	June/July 2011

7. Motion (Mrs. Carter): **Withdrawn**

US Fencing establish a "National Team Oversight Committee."

8. Motion (Mr. Baker): **Seconded, 2nd hearing in July**

That the National Office be directed to establish a mechanism for the answering and distribution of policy questions and answers from and to the membership.

9. Motion (Mr. Baker): **Moved to Urgent, amended to be effective 8/1/10, passed**

The following changes made to the qualifying paths for events at Summer Nationals:

- Y14 National Championships:
Qualify for ~~U49~~ U16 event
- Y12 Tournament:
Qualify for ~~U49~~ Y14 event
- Y10 Tournament:
Qualify for ~~U49~~ Y12 event

10. Motion--(late addition to the agenda regarding removing restrictions on team events): **Referred to Tournament Committee**

Editor: This useful information was provided by David Sierra and Dan Berke.



2010 – 2011 National Tournament Dates and Deadlines

<p>NAC A Regular Fee Entry Deadline Late Fee Entry Period Classification Change Report Due to the National Office Withdraw Deadline</p>	<p>Division I/II/Veteran</p>	<p>Location TBA</p>	<p>October 15-18, 2010 August 30, 2010 August 31 -Sept. 6, 2010 October 4, 2010 October 11, 2010</p>
<p>NAC B Regular Fee Entry Deadline Late Fee Entry Period Classification Change Report Due to the National Office Withdraw Deadline</p>	<p>Junior/Cadet/Y14</p>	<p>Location TBA</p>	<p>November 19-22, 2010 September 13, 2010 September 14-27, 2010 November 1, 2010 November 8, 2010</p>
<p>NAC C Regular Fee Entry Deadline Late Fee Entry Period Classification Change Report Due to the National Office Withdraw Deadline</p>	<p>Division I/Junior/Cadet</p>	<p>Location TBA</p>	<p>January 14-17, 2011 November 15, 2010 November 16-29, 2010 January 3, 2011 January 10, 2011</p>
<p>Junior Olympics Regular Fee Entry Deadline Late Fee Entry Period Division Qualifying Forms Classification Change Report Due to the National Office Withdraw Deadline</p>	<p>Junior/Cadet</p>	<p>Location TBA</p>	<p>February 18-21, 2011 January 10, 2011 January 11-17, 2011 January 10, 2011 February 7, 2011 February 14, 2011</p>
<p>NAC D Regular Fee Entry Deadline Late Fee Entry Period Classification Change Report Due to the National Office Withdraw Deadline</p>	<p>Division II/III /Veteran</p>	<p>Location TBA</p>	<p>March 11-14, 2011 January 31, 2011 February 1-7, 2011 February 28, 2011 March 7, 2011</p>
<p>NAC E Regular Fee Entry Deadline Division Qualifying Forms for DV1 Team Late Fee Entry Period Classification Change Report Due to the National Office Withdraw Deadline</p>	<p>Division I & Youth Y14/Y12/Y10 NAC & Wheelchair National Championships</p>	<p>Location TBA</p>	<p>April 29-May 2, 2011 March 7, 2011 March 7, 2011 March 8-21, 2011 April 18, 2011 April 25, 2011</p>
<p>Summer National Championships – DV1/D1A/DV2/DV3/VET/Y14 Senior & Veteran Team With U19/U16 North American Cup & Y10/Y12 Competition</p>		<p>Dates / Location TBA</p>	<p>July 1 – 10, 2011 May 9, 2011 May 9, 2011 May 10 - 16, 2011 June 20, 2011 June 27, 2011</p>
<p>Division & Section Qualifying Forms Regular Fee Entry Deadline Late Fee Entry Period Classification Change Report Due to the National Office Withdraw Deadline</p>			

Wheelchair events will be added to North American Cup tournaments. Team events may be added by the Tournament Committee to some National Tournaments.