

Southwest Section, USFA Championships

DivIA and Under-19 National Qualifiers

May 14th and 15th, 2005

Houston Athletic Fencing Center

4997 West Bellfort, Houston, Texas

- ◆ All events will be 1 round of pools with 100% promoted to a single elimination DE tableau.
- ◆ Awards given to top 8 for DivIA events and top 3 for Juniors
- ◆ Original seeding will be based on National Rating (e.g., A02, B00, etc.) with National point holders protected. Initial seeding, seeding after pools and final placements will be posted in the venue. Third place bout will be fenced.
- ◆ All competitors must be members of the USFA and US Citizens or Permanent Residents.
- ◆ Masks, Body Cords and Lames will be subject to equipment control.
- ◆ Birth years eligibility:
 - DivIA – 1992 or earlier
 - U19 – 1986 - 1992

Venue opens at 7:30 am each day.

Close of Registration Times

Saturday, May 14th	
DivIA Men's Epee	8:30 AM
Div IA Women's Foil	10:30 AM
U-19 Women's Sabre	10:30 AM
Div IA Men's Sabre	12:00 PM
U-19 Women's Epee	1:30 PM
U-19 Men's Foil	2:00 PM
Sunday, May, 15th	
Open Men's Foil	8:30 AM
Open Women's Sabre	8:30 AM
U-19 Men's Sabre	10:30 AM
Open Women's Epee	10:30 AM
U-19 Men's Epee	1:00 PM
U-19 Women's Foil	2:00 PM

Registration Fee: *Early* received by April 29th: \$20 **Regular:** received after April 29th and by May 12th: \$40 **At the Door** \$60 **Event Fee** \$15/event. Mail in the attachment on the next page or go online to <http://www.AskFRED.net> to pay by credit card.

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2005 Southwest Section Annual Membership Meeting will be held at the tournament venue following the completion of the event on Saturday, May 14th. The agenda will be posted on the Section Website (<http://www.southwestfencing.org>). Proxies for the Annual meeting must be presented to the Section Secretary for verification by 2:00 PM on Saturday, May 14th. Proxies are requested to use the attached form (also available for download on the Section website) but any legal instrument is acceptable.

Information on Qualifying Paths to Summer Nationals

Division IA Championships

Born no later than 1992*

1. Place in the top 25% (with a minimum of 8) at the 2005 Senior Section Championships
2. The top eight finishers in the 2004 Division I-A Individual National Championships.
3. The top four finishers in the 2004 Division II Individual National Championships.
4. Each current 2005 Section Under-19 Champion

Under-19 Championships

1. Place in the top 25% (with a minimum of 3) at the 2005 Section Under-19 Championships
2. Be on the Junior NRPS (National Rolling Point Standings) on May 1, 2005.
3. Be in the top 16 of the Cadet NRPS on May 1, 2005.

* An athlete may fence in an age category IF:
1) the athlete's birth year falls in that age bracket OR 2) the athlete is on the national point standings in the next younger age bracket.

Important SSCC News!

Due to the fact that only three of the required six events have been scheduled, the 2005 Crescent City Open will no longer be designated as Southwest Section Circuit Cup (SSCC) tournament, by decision of the Southwest Section Executive Committee. No points will be awarded towards 2004-2005 SSCC standings from the 2005 Crescent City Open. This action only effects the 2004-2005 season. Final standings for the 2004-2005 SSCC will consist of the top four results for the five remaining events:

- South Texas Division: Longhorn Open
- Oklahoma Division: Oz Parsons Memorial
- Gulf Coast Division: Space City Rendezvous
- Ark-La-Miss Division: Rose Condon Memorial
- North Texas Division: North Texas Grand Prix

Award presentations for SSCC points will be held immediately following the presentation of awards for the corresponding DivIA event at Sectionals.

The Southwest Section notes the loss of Maître J. Gerard Poujardieu, Jr. (1940-2004), early the morning of Dec. 27th. His direct and indirect contributions to fencing in general and to the fencing of the Southwest Section are numerous and widespread. Our condolences go out to his family, friends and numerous students. He will be sorely missed.

SSCC Men's Epee Championship Bout! "The Brawl at the DeGall"

Robert Reed and Jim Carpenter are tied for the final standings in the SSCC Men's Epee Division through all the tiebreaker points. Therefore, it has been decided that a tiebreaker match will be fenced! The match will take place at the DeGall Memorial Tournament, in the North Texas Division, on Saturday, April 30th at 1 pm. The format will be the best 2 of 3 fifteen touch bouts.

2005 Southwest Sectionals Entry Form

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Birthdate ___/___/___ Division _____

Competitive Club _____

Please clearly indicate the events you wish to register for.

Event	Epee		Foil		Sabre	
	M	W	M	W	M	W
Div IA						
Under-19						

Fee Summary

Registration Fee: <u>Nonrefundable</u>	Early	Regular	At the door
	\$20	\$30	\$40
Event Fee(s) ___ X \$15 (number of events entered)			
Total Amount Due			

Make Checks Payable to: *Southwest Section, USFA.*

Mail to: 10000 Chase Island, Shreveport, LA 71118.

To qualify for Early registration fee, entry must be received by April 29th. Regular: after April 29th and by May 12th. Competitors may also register online at <http://www.askfred.net> and pay with a credit card. If you register and pay online, you must present the completed waiver below when you check in at the tournament. For refund of event fee(s), notice of withdrawal must be received by the Section Secretary by May 12th. **Registration fees are nonrefundable except in circumstances of extreme duress.** Refunds will be processed after the tournament. For groups with multiple entries paid with one source, please contact oso97@hotmail.com for a group invoice.

Print Name _____ Birth Date if under 18 _____

**All Participants MUST Read and Sign Each of the Following Statements
(for athletes under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must also sign)**

WAIVER OF LIABILITY: Upon entering this tournament under the auspices of the Southwest Section, USFA, I agree to abide by the current rules of the USFA. I enter this tournament at my own risk and release the Southwest Section, USFA and its sponsors, referees, and tournament organizers from any liability. The undersigned certifies that the birth date of the individual is as stated on the entry form and that the individual is a current competitive member of the USFA for the 2004-2005 fencing season.

Fencer's Signature Date Signature of Parent or Guardian for Minor Date

CONSENT FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT: This is to certify that on this date I, _____, give my consent to the Southwest Section USFA and its representative to obtain medical care from any licensed physician, hospital or clinic for the above named athlete for any injury or illness that may arise during activities associated with the Southwest Section Championships.

Fencer's Signature Date Signature of Parent or Guardian for Minor Date

Official Proxy form for 2005 Southwest Section, USFA Annual Meeting, May 14th, 2005

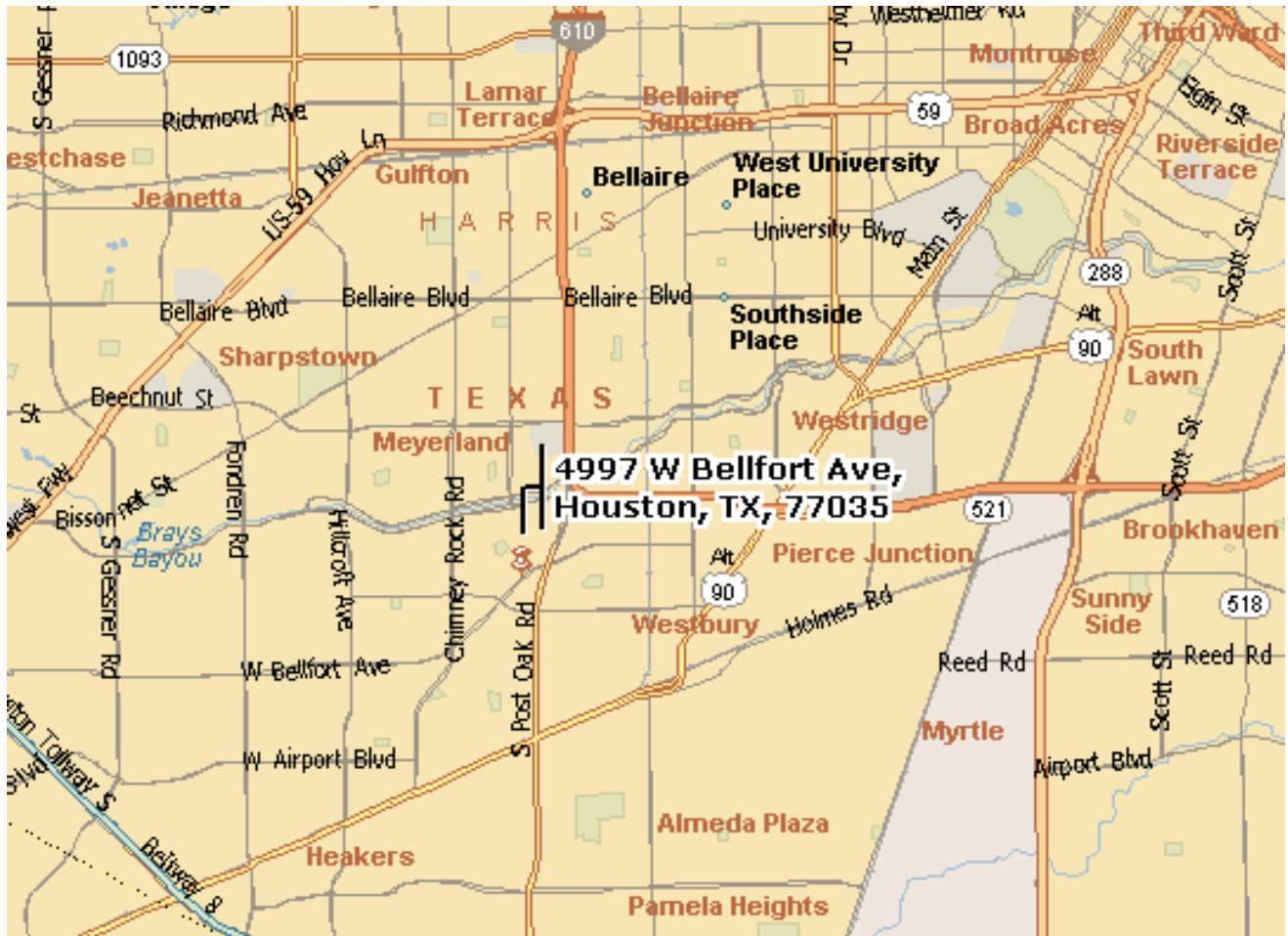
All proxies must be presented to the Southwest Section Secretary for verification by 2:00 pm on May 14th, 2005

I, (*print name*) _____, an eligible voting member of the Southwest Section, USFA, do hereby assign my proxy for the 2005 Southwest Section Annual Meeting to (*print name*) _____, also an eligible voting member of the Southwest Section, USFA.

Signature

Date

**PLEASE NOTE: Southwest Sectional Championships
will be held in the Gulf Coast Division at the
Houston Athletic Fencing Center
4997 West Bellfort, Houston, Texas 77035
(Not in the South or North Texas Divisions as originally scheduled
due to venue difficulties)**



Hotel information:

Special rates have been negotiated with the Fairfield Inn (\$49/night) and the Marriott Courtyard (\$59/night) located next to each other at 3131 West Loop South, Houston, Texas 77027. Make reservations at 713-353-7389, ask for Denise Ballard and request the “fencing rate.”