

USA Fencing points, explained

A family guide to the new Unified system, effective August 1, 2026.

POINTS NEEDED FOR ORDINARY NATIONAL ENTRY

CADET

100

Unified points

JUNIOR

100

Unified points

SENIOR / DIVISION I

150

Unified points

Meet the threshold before registering. Age and rating requirements still apply. Local and regional events have no points minimum this season.

Your six best results

Eligible results from local through designated international events feed the list. The best six count; older results roll off.

International travel uses Legacy points

The separate Legacy Rolling and Team lists still select international squads. Youth, Veteran and Para keep their existing systems.

Championships have separate qualification rules. See Junior Olympics on page 6 and Summer Nationals on page 7.

Senior points by finishing place

Choose the event level, then read across to the finishing place. These are Unified points.

Event level	1st	8th	16th	32nd	64th
Designated international	4,000	1,000	610	366	216
National - Elite	1,000	314	207	135	86
National - Challenger	200	102	82	66	53
Regional - Division IA	100	61	52	44	37
Club / local - standard	50	37	33	30	27

Senior national rows show Division I. There is no Senior SJCC category. Only designated international events count.

Other Senior divisions: Regional Div II = 40% and Div III = 20% of the regional row. At nationals, Div IA = 60%, Div II = 40% and Div III = 20% of Challenger values. Div IA/III national awards apply at Championships; Div II also at NACs.

Club/local figures use a 1.0 strength factor; see page 5. Official tables label these rows Win, T8, T16, T32 and T64.

Junior points by finishing place

Choose the event level, then read across to the finishing place. These are Unified points.

Event level	1st	8th	16th	32nd	64th
Designated international	3,200	800	488	292.8	172.8
National - Elite	800	251.2	165.6	108	68.8
National - Challenger	160	81.6	65.6	52.8	42.4
SJCC	120	66	54	44	36
Regional - RJC	80	48.8	41.6	35.2	29.6
Club / local - standard	40	29.6	26.4	24	21.6

SJCC = Super Junior and Cadet Circuit: all finishers earn points with 3+ competitors. Regional = Junior Circuit (RJC).

Example: 8th in Junior Elite earns 251.2 points; 8th in Junior Challenger earns 81.6.

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Cadet points by finishing place

Choose the event level, then read across to the finishing place. These are Unified points.

Event level	1st	8th	16th	32nd	64th
Designated international	2,400	600	366	219.6	129.6
National - Elite	600	188.4	124.2	81	51.6
National - Challenger	120	61.2	49.2	39.6	31.8
SJCC	90	49	40	33	27
Regional - RCC	60	36.6	31.2	26.4	22.2
Club / local - standard	30	22.2	19.8	18	16.2

SJCC = Super Junior and Cadet Circuit: all finishers earn points with 3+ competitors. Regional = Cadet Circuit (RCC).

Example: A Cadet regional win earns 60 points. Two wins total 120: enough for ordinary national entry, but below the 125-point JO threshold.

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How club strength changes points

Local awards = the standard points for your finish multiplied by the event strength factor.

Event rating	Factor	Senior win	Junior win	Cadet win
E1	0.5x	25	20	15
D1	0.6x	30	24	18
C1	0.7x	35	28	21
C2	0.8x	40	32	24
C3	0.9x	45	36	27
B1	1.0x	50	40	30
B2	1.1x	55	44	33
B3	1.2x	60	48	36
A1	1.3x	65	52	39
A2	1.4x	70	56	42
A3 / A4	1.5x	75	60	45

An 8th-place example

Senior standard local award: **37**
A3 event factor: **1.5**

37 x 1.5 = 55.5 points

How the factor is set

It uses USA Fencing's competition grouping chart, including the field and rated fencers. It is not your personal letter rating.

For Unified points, only local awards use strength factors. All other levels use their published tables.

Junior Olympics 2027

January 8-11, Oklahoma City | Qualification deadline: December 9, 2026

CADET UNIFIED LIST

125 points

JUNIOR UNIFIED LIST

200 points

Qualifying through points

Use the total on the relevant Unified list. Age and championship eligibility still apply. The ordinary 100-point Cadet/Junior entry minimum does not replace these JO thresholds.

Regular-fee deadline: November 11, 2026.
Qualification deadline: December 9, 2026.

Alternative routes

Divisional qualifier

A qualifying finish waives the JO points threshold. At least four must register and the event must be fenced.

Entrants	Qualifying spots
4-8	1
9-16	2
17-32	4
33+	6

Transition route: 120 old regional points, best two results after Dec. 10, 2025 and before Aug. 1, 2026. Cadet JOs: Cadet or Junior regional list. Junior JOs: Junior regional list only.

IRC route: Top 40% in the relevant Cadet or Junior International Regional Circuit event.

Summer Nationals / July Challenge 2027

Youth routes are published. Several older-category requirements are still being finalized.

YOUTH: MEET ONE QUALIFYING ROUTE

Category	Points-based routes
Y10	Y10 national or home-region standings; OR 60 Y12 regional points
Y12	Y12 national standings; OR 70 Y12 regional points; OR 160 Y14 regional points
Y14	Y14 national standings; OR 160 Y14 regional points

Youth regional totals use the best three current-season results in the home-region system.

Other routes: Y10 IRC points; top 40% at a Y12/Y14 IRC; or top 25% at the division's Y14 qualifier for Y12/Y14. Age eligibility applies.

Still pending as of Oct. 6

Cadet and Junior July Challenge

Division I July Challenge

Division IA, II and III Championships

The current handbook has not finalized these qualification rules.

The 100 / 100 / 150 ordinary entry minimums alone do not establish Summer Nationals or July Challenge qualification.

Before registering: check the event tier

These points charts apply across foil, epee and saber; each weapon has separate standings.

Elite and Challenger award different points

At 169 or more registrations, Cadet, Junior and Division I national events split into Elite and Challenger tiers. At 168 or fewer, one event awards Elite-table points. USA Fencing assigns the tiers under its published ranking rules.

October and November 2026 transition exception

For these NACs only, fencers in the top 112 on the Legacy list for their age category but outside the top 112 on the Unified list may opt into the Elite tier. They are added without displacing fencers who qualify through Unified points.

Other Elite-entry petitions: USA Fencing also allows petitions based on specified recent international, top-32 national or NCAA Championship experience. Submit by the event withdrawal deadline; approval is required. See Handbook section 2.5.2.

Ask your TMFC coach to review the correct weapon list, age eligibility, event tier and qualification deadline.