

2026 Senior Women's Saber Pan American Zonal & World Championships

Previous selection criteria announcements are posted [HERE](#).

SELECTION DATE: At the conclusion of the 2026 Division I National Championship or upon completion of the eighth Designated 2025-2026 Senior Women's Saber World Cup or Grand Prix, whichever event is last.

SELECTION:

- The top four athletes on the National Senior Team Point Standings will be selected as members of the Team and will be eligible to compete in the individual and team competitions.*

SUM OF GROUP I AND GROUP II

GROUP I = SUM OF THE TWO HIGHEST POINTS EARNED AT 1-3

1. NAC Division I: 10/1/2025 to selection date
2. 2026 Division I National Championship
3. Competitions specified in Group II below not included in Group I sum

GROUP II = SUM OF THE FOUR HIGHEST POINTS EARNED AT 4-5

4. Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix competitions: 5/1/2025 to selection date (*to clarify, the first international event is the 2025 May Seoul GP*)
 - MAXIMUM of TWO 33-64 results count in Group II
5. 2025 World Championships (Top 16 result, Weight Value = 2.0)

Notes

- If a Designated international event is canceled, rescheduled or if the location changes, the National Coach, Athlete Council weapon representative and Chief of Sport Performance will assess the circumstances regarding the event and make appropriate changes with reasonable notice to athletes. In addition, adjustments to the selection criteria, including strength factors, may be made after the designated international calendar is available.
- Should the weekend of the Division I National Championships conflict with a designated Senior World Cup or Grand Prix tournament, or the Junior & Cadet World Championships the Division I National Championships will have a minimum strength factor of .8 and a maximum of 1.1.
- The 2025 Division I July Challenge will count for rolling points only.
- Points awarded for 33-64 placements at Senior, Junior and Cadet domestic competitions will be considered for rolling points only.
- For any international designated event that does not meet the FIE criteria (see [FIE Organization rule o.4](#)) points will be calculated according to the strength factor formula and be considered in Group I, unless otherwise specified in selection criteria.

* No later than 10 business days after the selection date the National Coach may propose an alternate fencer solely for the team competitions. Should an illness or injury to one or more of the selected athletes occur after 10 business days following the selection date, this procedure can be initiated at any time thereafter.

The replacement fencer will become a member of the team for the team competitions in place of one of the four fencers selected for the individual events. The replacement fencer is not eligible for the individual competitions (unless one of the four fencers becomes ill or injured and the replacement fencer named to the team is also the first alternate for the individual competitions).

The National Coach must clearly demonstrate the ability of the proposed team replacement to perform at a high level, specifically in international senior team events. Evidence may include bout sheets from previous senior-level international competitions. Junior and Cadet results will not be considered for these purposes. Team event performance will be given more weight than individual senior results.

The proposed team replacement must:

- Be ranked in the top 8 of the National Senior Team Point Standings as of the selection date, **OR**
- Have previously competed in the Olympic Games in a team or individual event, **OR**
- Have previously competed in the Senior World Championships in a team event.

The team replacement will be recommended by the National Coach and approved only with a majority vote of the panel composed of the following:

1. National Coach for the opposite gender in the same weapon (if conflicted[^], a National Coach from another weapon will serve)
2. USA Fencing Chief of Sport Performance
3. A non-conflicted[^] retired Olympian from the same weapon
4. Chair of the USA Fencing Athlete Council. If the Chair is currently competing in the weapon and gender of the proposed replacement, a non-conflicted[^] member of the Athlete Council will replace them. The member will be chosen by a majority vote of the Athlete Council. An ex-officio member shall be eligible to serve.
5. A non-conflicted[^] USA Fencing representative to the USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council. If this is not possible, a second member of the USA Fencing Athlete Council will be selected as described in number 4 above.

[^]Conflicted refers to an individual who is from the same club or university or who has any perceived conflict to the fencer in question. The USA Fencing CEO will make the final judgment on whether or not an individual is conflicted.

In the case of approval of the replacement, no further replacements shall be made for the team event, except in the case of injury or illness.

2026 Junior Women's Saber World Championships

Previous selection announcements can be found [HERE](#)

SELECTION DATE: February 17, 2026, or after the final Designated Junior World Cup, whichever event is last.

SELECTION:

- The top four fencers on the National Junior Team Points Standings will be selected as members of the Junior World Championship Team and be eligible to compete in the individual competition.*

SUM OF GROUP I AND GROUP II

GROUP I = SUM OF THE THREE HIGHEST POINTS EARNED AT 1-6

1. 2025 Junior July Challenge
2. NAC Junior: 10/1/2025 to selection date
3. 2026 Junior Olympics (Junior)
4. 2025 Division I July Challenge
5. NAC Division I: 10/1/2025 to selection date
6. Competitions specified in Group II below not included in Group I sum

GROUP II = SUM OF THE FOUR HIGHEST POINTS EARNED AT 7-9

7. Designated Junior World Cup competitions: 9/1/2025 to selection date*
8. Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix competitions: 5/1/2025 to selection date
9. 2025 Junior World Championships (Top 16 result, Weight Value = 2.0)

Notes

- *The 2026 Junior Pan American Zonal Championships will count for rolling points only in Group II. In order to earn points, athletes must also fence in the team event. Only a top 8 result will count. The domestic Junior DE points table will be used to award points.
- In order to be eligible for the Junior World Championship TEAM event, athletes must register and make themselves available to fence in **at least one** Junior team event during the 2025-2026 season (Junior World Cup team events and/or Junior Pan American Zonal team event). If selected, athletes must actually be present at one Junior team event during the 2025-2026 season (Junior World Cup team event and/or Junior Pan American Zonal team event).
 - Athletes who compete in a Senior Team event from May 1, 2025 to the selection date are exempt from the above requirement.
- Should a domestic national Junior event fall on the same weekend as a Designated Junior World Cup competition, the domestic national Junior event will have a weight value of .8.
- Should the weekend of the Division I National Championships conflict with a designated Senior World Cup or Grand Prix tournament, or the Junior & Cadet World Championships the Division I National Championships will have a minimum strength factor of .8 and a maximum of 1.1.
- If a Designated international event is canceled, rescheduled or if the location changes, the National Coach, Athlete Council weapon representative and Chief of Sport Performance will assess the circumstances regarding the event and make appropriate changes with reasonable notice to athletes. In addition, adjustments to the selection criteria, including strength factors, may be made after the designated international calendar is available.
- Unless specifically indicated, all Designated Junior World Cups held outside of the Pan American zone will have a minimum strength factor of 1.2. All Designated Junior World Cups held in the Pan American zone will have no minimum strength factor.

- Designated Senior international events held after the selection date will not count for Junior & Cadet rolling or team points, unless specified in the selection criteria.
- Points awarded for 33-64 placements at Senior, Junior and Cadet domestic competitions will be considered for rolling points only.
- For any international designated event that does not meet the FIE criteria (see [FIE Organization rule o.4](#)) points will be calculated according to the strength factor formula and be considered in Group I, unless otherwise specified in selection criteria.

* No later than 10 business days after the selection date the National Coach may propose an alternate fencer solely for the team competition. Should an illness or injury to one or more of the selected athletes occur after 10 business days following the selection date, this procedure can be initiated at any time thereafter.

The replacement fencer will become a member of the team for the team competition in place of one of the four fencers selected for the individual events. The replacement fencer is not eligible for the individual competitions (unless one of the four fencers becomes ill or injured and the replacement fencer named to the team is also the first alternate for the individual competitions).

The National Coach must clearly demonstrate the ability of the proposed team replacement to perform at a high level, specifically in international team events. Evidence may include bout sheets from previous senior or junior-level international competitions. Team event performance will be given more weight than individual results.

The proposed replacement must:

- Be ranked in the top 8 of the National Junior Team Point Standings as of the selection date, **OR**
- Be selected for the 2026 Cadet World Championships: **OR**
- Have previously competed in a Senior or Junior World Championships team event.

The team replacement will be recommended by the National Coach and approved only with a majority vote of the panel composed of the following:

1. National Coach for the opposite gender in the same weapon (if conflicted[^], a National Coach from another weapon will serve)
2. USA Fencing Chief of Sport Performance
3. A non-conflicted[^] retired Olympian from the same weapon
4. Chair of the USA Fencing Athlete Council. If the Chair is currently competing in the weapon and gender of the proposed replacement, a non-conflicted[^] member of the Athlete Council will replace them. The member will be chosen by a majority vote of the Athlete Council. An ex-officio member shall be eligible to serve.
5. A non-conflicted[^] USA Fencing representative to the USOPC Athletes' Advisory Council. If this is not possible, a second member of the USA Fencing Athlete Council will be selected as described in number 4 above.

[^]Conflicted refers to an individual who is from the same club or university or who has any perceived conflict to the fencer in question. The USA Fencing CEO will make the final judgment on whether or not an individual is conflicted.

In the case of approval of the team replacement, no further replacements shall be made for the team event, except in the case of injury or illness.

2026 Junior Women's Saber Pan American Zonal Championships

Previous selection announcements can be found [HERE](#)

SELECTION DATE: TBD

SELECTION:

- The top four registered fencers as of the selection date will be selected as members of the Junior Pan American Zonal Championship Team. Athletes will be selected in the following order:
 1. Top 24 athletes on the National Junior Team Point Standings
 2. Top 12 athletes on the National Cadet Team Point Standings
 3. All athletes remaining on the National Junior Team Point Standings
 4. All athletes remaining on the National Cadet Team Point Standings
 5. All other athletes not on any National Point Standings will be ranked according to USA Fencing classification. If ties remain, fencers will be chosen by drawing lots.

***Athletes must register online by the registration deadline to be eligible for selection.**

Athletes may register for the individual competition only, the team competition only or both events, but registration for all events must be done online.

2026 Cadet Women's Saber World Championships

Previous selection announcements can be found [HERE](#)

SELECTION DATE: February 17, 2026, or after the final Designated Cadet International Event or Junior World Cup, whichever event is last.

SELECTION:

- The top three fencers on the National Cadet Team Points Standings will be selected as members of the Cadet World Championship Team and be eligible to compete in the individual competition.

SUM OF GROUP I AND GROUP II

GROUP I = SUM OF THE THREE HIGHEST POINTS EARNED AT 1-9

1. 2025 Cadet July Challenge
2. NAC Cadet: 10/1/2025 to selection date
3. 2026 Junior Olympics (Cadet)
4. 2025 Junior July Challenge
5. NAC Junior: 10/1/2025 to selection date
6. 2026 Junior Olympics (Junior)
7. 2025 Division I July Challenge
8. NAC Division I: 10/1/2025 to selection date
9. Competitions specified in Group II below not included in Group II sum

GROUP II = SUM OF THE FOUR HIGHEST POINTS EARNED AT 10-14

10. Designated Cadet International competitions: 9/1/2025 to selection date
 - Only the best 3 Cadet International results count in Group II, no carryover to Group I
11. Designated Junior International competitions: 9/1/2025 to selection date
12. Designated Senior International competitions: 5/1/2025 to selection date
13. 2025 Cadet World Championships (Top 8 result)
14. 2025 Junior World Championships (Top 16 result, Weight Value = 2.0)

Notes

- The Junior & Cadet Pan American Zonal Championships will not count for rolling or team points.
- For cadet women's saber, all Division I NAC and Championships (including the July Challenge) events will have a maximum weight value of .8.
- Should a domestic national Junior event fall on the same weekend as a Designated Junior World Cup competition, the domestic national Junior event will have a weight value of .8.
- Should the weekend of the Division I National Championships conflict with a designated Senior World Cup or Grand Prix tournament, or the Junior & Cadet World Championships the Division I National Championships will have a minimum strength factor of .8 and a maximum of 1.1.
- If a Designated international event is canceled, rescheduled or if the location changes, the National Coach, Athlete Council weapon representative and Chief of Sport Performance will assess the circumstances regarding the event and make appropriate changes with reasonable notice to athletes. In addition, adjustments to the selection criteria, including strength factors, may be made after the designated international calendar is available.
- Unless specifically indicated, all Designated Junior World Cups held outside of the Pan American zone will have a minimum strength factor of 1.2. All Designated Junior World Cups held in the Pan American zone will have no minimum strength factor.
- Designated Senior international events held after the selection date will not count for Junior & Cadet rolling or team points, unless specified in the selection criteria.

- Points awarded for 33-64 placements at Senior, Junior and Cadet domestic competitions will be considered for rolling points only.
- For any international designated event that does not meet the FIE criteria (see [FIE Organization rule o.4](#)) points will be calculated according to the strength factor formula and be considered in Group I, unless otherwise specified in selection criteria.

2026 Cadet Women's Saber Pan American Zonal Championships

Previous selection announcements can be found [HERE](#)

SELECTION DATE: TBD

SELECTION:

- The top four registered fencers as of the selection date will be selected as members of the Cadet Pan American Zonal Championship Team. Athletes will be selected in the following order:
 1. All athletes on the National Cadet Team Point Standings
 2. All athletes on the National Cadet Rolling Point Standings
 3. All athletes remaining on the National Y14 Point Standings
 4. All other athletes not on any National Point Standings will be ranked according to USA Fencing classification. If ties remain, fencers will be chosen by drawing lots.

***Athletes must register online by the registration deadline to be eligible for selection.**