

2025 Senior Women's Foil Pan American Zonal & World Championships

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

SELECTION DATE: At the conclusion of the 2025 Division I National Championship or upon completion of the eighth Designated 2024-2025 Senior Women's Foil 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.

* 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 judgement on whether or not an individual is conflicted.

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

SUM OF GROUP I AND GROUP II

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

1. NAC Division I: 10/1/2024 to selection date
2. 2025 Division I National Championship
3. Competitions specified in Group II below not included in Group II sum

GROUP 2 = SUM OF THE FOUR HIGHEST POINTS EARNED AT 4-5

4. Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix competitions: 10/1/2024 to selection date (*to clarify, the first international event is the November Serbia WC*)
 - (MAXIMUM of TWO 33-64 results count in Group II)
5. 2024 Olympic Games 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, the Division I National Championships will have a minimum strength factor of .8 and a maximum of 1.1.
- The 2024 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.

2025 Junior Women's Foil World Championships

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

SELECTION DATE: At the conclusion of the Junior Olympics or 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.*

* 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 2024 Cadet World Championships: **OR**
- Have previously competed in a Senior or Junior World Championships team event.

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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 judgement 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.

SUM OF GROUP I AND GROUP II

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

1. 2024 Junior July Challenge
2. NAC Junior: 10/1/2024 to selection date
3. Junior Olympics (Junior): February 2025
4. 2024 Division I July Challenge
5. NAC Division I: 10/1/2024 to selection date[^]
6. Competitions specified in Group II below not included in Group II sum

GROUP 2 = SUM OF THE THREE HIGHEST POINTS EARNED AT 7-9

7. Designated Junior World Cup competitions: 9/1/2024 to selection date*[^]
8. Designated Senior World Cup and Grand Prix competitions: 9/1/2024 to selection date
9. 2024 Junior World Championships (Top 8 result, Weight Value = 2.0)

Notes

- [^]The Division I event at the February 2025 Junior Olympics will count for selection to the 2025 Junior & Cadet World Championships.
- *The 2024 Junior Pan American Zonal Championships will not count for rolling or team points. In addition, only athletes who register for and make themselves available to fence both individual and team events will be eligible for selection for the individual event.
- In order to be eligible for the Junior World Championship TEAM event, athletes must register and make themselves available to fence in a **minimum of one** Junior team event during the 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 season (Junior World Cup team event and/or Junior Pan American Zonal team event).
- 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.
- 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.
- [^]Strength factors for Designated Junior Women's Foil World Cups:
 - European Zone – minimum 1.2 strength factor
 - Asian Zone – minimum .8 strength factor

- American & African Zones – 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.

2025 Junior Women's Foil 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.

2025 Cadet Women's Foil World Championships

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

SELECTION DATE: At the conclusion of the Junior Olympics or 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 FIVE HIGHEST POINTS EARNED AT 1-9

1. 2024 Cadet July Challenge
2. NAC Cadet: 10/1/2024 to selection Date
3. Junior Olympics (Cadet): February 2025
4. 2024 Junior July Challenge
5. NAC Junior: 10/1/2024 to selection Date
6. Junior Olympics (Junior): February 2025
7. 2024 Division I July Challenge
8. NAC Division I: 10/1/2024 to selection date[^]
9. Competitions specified in Group II below not included in Group II sum

GROUP 2 = SUM OF THE TWO HIGHEST POINTS EARNED AT 10-13

10. Designated Cadet International competitions: 9/1/2024 to selection date
11. Designated Junior International competitions: 9/1/2024 to selection date*
 - Only the best 2 Junior International results will count in Group 2, no carryover to Group 1
12. 2024 Cadet World Championships (Top 8 result)
13. 2024 Junior World Championships (Top 8 result, Weight Value = 2.0)

Notes

- [^]The Division I event at the February 2025 Junior Olympics will count for selection to the 2025 Junior & Cadet World Championships.
- *The 2024 Junior Pan American Zonal Championships will not count for rolling or team points. In addition, only athletes who register for and make themselves available to fence both individual and team events will be eligible for selection for the individual event.
- For cadet women's foil, all Division I NAC and Championships (including the July Challenge) events will have a maximum weight value of .8.
- In order to be eligible for the Junior World Championship TEAM event, athletes must register and make themselves available to fence in a **minimum of one** Junior team event during the 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 season (Junior World Cup team event and/or Junior Pan American Zonal team event).
- 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.

- 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.
- Strength factors for Designated Junior Women's Foil World Cups:
 - European Zone – minimum 1.2 strength factor
 - Asian Zone – minimum .8 strength factor
 - American & African Zones – 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.

2025 Cadet Women's Foil 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.**