

USA FENCING

PRELIMINARY NOTICE TO THE ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES

2025 Junior Pan American Games

10/29/2024

TO: Members of USA Fencing

FROM: USA Fencing

RE: Preliminary Notice to the Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2025 Junior Pan American Games

To provide as much information in a timely manner, USA Fencing is releasing this Preliminary Notice to the Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2025 Junior Pan American Games. This document is being written as a complement, and not a substitute to the 2025 Junior Pan American Games Athlete Selection Procedures. Additional communication will be released by USA Fencing once the Athlete Selection Procedures have been approved by the USOPC.

A. Anticipated Athlete Eligibility Criteria:

- Athletes must observe and abide by the Panam Sports Constitution and the regulations established by the Pan American Sport Confederation and the Federation Internationale Escrime (FIE).
- All participating athletes must be born between 2005 and 2012.
- Athletes must sign the Athlete Eligibility Condition Form.
- Athletes must be a member in good standing of USA Fencing at the time of the Games.
- Athletes must be a national of the United States and hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.
- Athletes must adhere to all USA Fencing, USADA, USOPC, WADA and Panam Sports anti-doping protocols, policies, and procedures, as applicable.
- Any athlete age 18 or older will be required to undergo a background screen in accordance with the current [USOPC Background Check Policy](#).
- Any athlete age 18 or older as of the Closing Ceremony will be required to remain current with the U.S. Center for SafeSport's education and training requirements in accordance with the [USOPC Athlete Safety Policy](#).

B. Qualification System Overview:

- The Pan American Sport Confederation has not released the Qualification Systems Manual for Fencing so the total number of quota places cannot be confirmed at this time.
- Once the 2025 Junior Pan American Games Qualification Systems Manual for Fencing has been released, this preliminary notice will be updated.

C. USA Fencing Qualification Pathway

To be eligible to be nominated for selection to the 2025 Junior Pan American Games, athletes will be asked to confirm their interest by officially registering with the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC) to be included on the Long List.

Of the athletes on the USOPC Long List, the top athlete in each weapon in which USA Fencing has obtained a quota will be offered the spot based on point standings published by selection date, prior to the nomination deadline for names to be submitted to the USOPC. If the athlete declines, the next highest ranked athlete will be offered the spot in the following order until all spots have been filled:

1. Top 24 athletes on the Junior National Team Points Standings
2. Top 12 athletes on the Cadet National Team Points Standings
3. All remaining athletes on the Junior National Team Points Standings
4. All remaining athletes on the Cadet National Team Points Standings
5. Age-eligible athletes not on any National Team Points standings – these athletes will be ranked according to USA Fencing classifications. If ties remain, fencers will be chosen by drawing lots.

Details regarding USA Fencing’s Junior and Cadet Team Points Standings can be found here - <https://www.usafencing.org/current-point-standings>.

Once additional eligibility and registration information becomes available for the events listed above, this preliminary notice will be updated.

D. Qualification for the 2027 Pan American Games (Lima, Peru):

- It is anticipated that 2025 Junior Pan American Games gold medalists in Fencing will qualify by name for the 2027 Pan American Games in Lima, Peru.
- Once the 2025 Junior Pan American Games Qualification Systems Manual for Fencing has been released, this preliminary notice will be updated.

E. Disclaimer:

This preliminary notice is based on the Panam Sports rules and regulations as presently known and understood for the 2025 Junior Pan American Games. The information in this notice is provided to assist athletes with their training and competition planning and is subject to change upon approval of the USA Fencing. Athlete Selection Procedures for the 2025 Junior Pan American Games. Once complete, the approved Athlete Selection Procedures will be posted at <https://www.usafencing.org/selection-criteria>.

For questions about the 2025 Junior Pan American Games selection process, please contact Kaitlyn Litten, Senior National Teams Manager, k.litten@usafencing.org.