

2026 Para Fencing World Cup USA

City	Bradenton, Florida, USA IMG Academy 5650 Bollettieri Blvd, Bradenton, FL 34210		
Nation	United States		
Date	May 27, 2026 - May 30, 2026		
Timezone of venue	Eastern Standard Time (GMT - 5)		
Participation	INTERNATIONAL OPEN The number of participants is unlimited. For each individual event: Minimum six fencers from four World Abilitysport countries are needed to be an official event. A fencer without an official international classification is not allowed to participate in an World Para Fencing competition. The placing of competitors within each category is strictly according to the decision of the official classifiers authorities who have examined and classified each competitor before the competition.		
Licence required	International licence	License level 1	• Participants
Quota	None		
Referees	Referee qualification: International referee license is required WPF A/B/ (P)		
	Athletes per nation	4 - 7	8 +
	Mandatory referees	1	2
	Fine Per tournament	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
	Referees must be provided based on the total number of athletes per tournament. The required number of qualified referees must be entered into the inscription system before athletes can be added to the competition. The referees activity is not paid by the organizer. The referees of the delegations must always attend the Competitions, Tournaments or Championships from the beginning until the end of the last bout/match of the competition. A penalty fee will be applied if they arrive too late or leave too early.		
	Effective after the 2026 World Cup in Pisa: All referees must be licensed in at least 2 weapons. Federations may enter only referees of their own nationality. Any exception requires prior approval by the WPF Referee Commission. All referees must be licensed in at least 2 weapons. Federations may enter only referees of their own nationality. Any exception requires prior approval by the WPF Referee Commission.		
Federation	World Para Fencing (governed by World Abilitysport)		
Organizer	USA Fencing		

Contact paraworldcup@usafencing.org

Further information <https://iwas.ophardt.online/en/widget/event/629>
View entries and results

Entries Entries to: <https://iwas.ophardt.online/>
until Apr 15, 2026, 11:59:00 PM British Summer Time only by: National federation
Cancel until Apr 15, 2026, 11:59:00 PM British Summer Time
E-Mail: engarde@worldparafencing.org AND paraworldcup@usafencing.org

Day	Entry desk close	Begin	Continued	Finals	Competition	allowed	Quota	Entry fee
27.05.	08:30	09:00		Foil female A I	Senior 1927 - 2013			£50.00
				Sabre male B I	Senior 1927 - 2013			£50.00
	13:30	14:00		Foil female B I	Senior 1927 - 2013			£50.00
				Sabre male A I	Senior 1927 - 2013			£50.00
28.05.	08:30	09:00		Epee male A I	Senior 1927 - 2013			£50.00
				Sabre female B I	Senior 1927 - 2013			£50.00
	13:30	14:00		Epee male B I	Senior 1927 - 2013			£50.00
				Sabre female A I	Senior 1927 - 2013			£50.00
29.05.	08:30	09:00		Foil male A I	Senior 1927 - 2013			£50.00
				Epee female B I	Senior 1927 - 2013			£50.00
	13:30	14:00		Foil male B I	Senior 1927 - 2013			£50.00
				Epee female A I	Senior 1927 - 2013			£50.00
30.05.	08:30	09:00		Foil open T	Senior 1927 - 2013			£0.00
	11:30	12:00		Epee open T	Senior 1927 - 2013			£0.00
	14:30	15:00		Sabre open T	Senior 1927 - 2013			£0.00

Equipment check

Day	Time	Day	Time	Competition
26.05.	09:00 - 18:00	27.05.	08:00 - 09:00	Foil female Senior Individual A
				Sabre male Senior Individual B
			13:30 - 14:00	Foil female Senior Individual B
				Sabre male Senior Individual A
		28.05.	08:00 - 09:00	Epee male Senior Individual A
				Sabre female Senior Individual B
			13:30 - 14:00	Epee male Senior Individual B
				Sabre female Senior Individual A
		29.05.	08:00 - 09:00	Foil male Senior Individual A
				Epee female Senior Individual B
			13:30 - 14:00	Foil male Senior Individual B
				Epee female Senior Individual A
30.05.	08:00 - 09:00	Foil open Senior Team		
	11:30 - 12:00	Epee open Senior Team		
	14:30 - 15:00	Sabre open Senior Team		

Referee meeting

Day	Time	Day	Time	Day	Time	Discipline
27.05.	08:15					Epee
27.05.	08:15					Foil
		28.05.	08:15			Sabre

Fee for officials £50.00 Per official

Delegation meeting 26.05. 20:00

Surcharges	Description	Applied	Amount
	Surcharge based on inscription date	4/16/26 and after	£150.00
	Surcharge based on inscription date	5/24/26 and after	£250.00

Payment	Payment	Surcharge	Remarks
	Invoice	- -	The invoices are generated after the event based on actual results

Discounts £50.00 Per double entry

£50.00 Per triple entry

Tournament officials TD – Daria Marchetti
Referee Delegate – TBD
SEMI Delegate - TBD
Chief Classifier - TBD
Classifier - TBD

Format According to World Para Fencing rules (on the date of the competition).

Rules and legal According to World Abilitysport and World Para Fencing rules.

Anti Doping World Abilitysport retains the right to conduct random Anti-Doping testing at any World Para Fencing competition.

Equipment According to World Para Fencing rules.

Latest submission of equipment to equipment control latest 30min before the closing time.

Booking options		
	Accreditation Rate - obligatory for participation (without accommodation, transportation, food)	\$250.00
	Double Room Rate (per person, per night)	\$190.00
	Single Room Rate (per person, per night)	\$295.00
	Villa 3 Bedroom (10-person capacity, total per night)	\$550.00
	Villa 4 Bedroom (12-person capacity, total per night)	\$650.00
	Villas: For the 3 and 4 Bedroom Villas, an additional \$59 per person, per day will be added on for meals. 4 Bedroom villas are on the ground floor. The 3 Bedroom Villas have about 8 steps to the front door but no steps inside.	\$59.00

Accommodation Legacy Hotel at IMG Academy
5450 Bollettieri Blvd, Bradenton, FL 34210, USA

Academy Park Villas at IMG Academy
5450 Bollettieri Blvd, Bradenton, FL 34210, USA

Accommodations at IMG are available beginning 24 May 2026 and ending 31 May 2026

Catering Package (Full Board)

Remarks **CLASSIFICATION REASSESSMENT**

All Male and Female Category A athletes as well as all Category B athletes who have not yet been reassessed must submit an Athlete Reassessment application – including the MDF Form, Athlete Consent Form, and all supporting medical documentation - via the World

Abilitysport Sports Management System (WA-SMS) by 15 April 2026.

Important:

Deadline: Failure to submit the required documentation by the 15 April 2026 will result in ineligibility to compete at the World Cup.

Limited Availability: Reassessment slots are limited and not guaranteed. They will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Submission Process: Once you have uploaded your athlete's medical documentation to the WA-SMS, you must email classification@worldparafencing.org to confirm.

Assessment Dates: Classification reassessments will take place on 25 and 26 May 2026, before the World Cup.

Mandatory Attendance: Athletes applying for reassessment must be available from the morning of 25 May 2026.

Paper copies will not be accepted upon arrival – all documentation must be submitted in advance via WA-SMS.

Late entries for the competition are not eligible to be seen for reassessment and will not be considered.

NEUTRAL PARA ATHLETES (NPA)

As payment in lieu of the obligation to provide referees, a fee of 150 GBP will be charged per Neutral Para Athlete (NPA) entered, per competition entered (see "Neutral Athlete and Support Personnel Regulations" from 28 March 2024).

VISA

If any teams need to apply for visa, please let the LOC know as soon as possible (by the website: <https://www.usafencing.org/paraworldcup2026/>) and they will send you a VISA invitation letter. Note: Early application is advised for participants who required entry visa.

INSURANCE

All members of attending delegations should insure themselves in case of accidents, injuries or illness. The organizer will not accept any responsibility or financial loss or any other responsibility incurred by any of the participants whatsoever.

HEAD OF DELEGATION MEETING

Each participating federation must send **1 to 2 representatives** to attend this meeting. During the meeting, each federations must **confirm all participants**, as well as their **individual and team entries, national anthem, and national flag**.

The Head of Delegation Meeting will be held on **26. MAY 2026 at 8.00pm** at the Legacy Hotel (meeting room).

REGISTRATION

All entries for athletes, referees, coaches and staff have to be done via the Ophardt system: <https://iwas.ophardt.online/>

DEADLINE: 15 April 2026

Registration of the whole team (accreditations, accommodation, all travel details etc.) has to be entered to the local organizers by email to

paraworldcup@usafencing.org

DEADLINE: 15. APRIL 2026

Remarks:

The Accreditation Rates includes transportation from **Sarasota Bradenton International Airport** to the hotel/venue and back to the airport.

The Room Rates also include 3 buffet style meals per day (from dinner on your arrival day until breakfast on your departure date).

The Accreditation Rates and Room Rates do not include the World Abilitysport fee of £50 for each participant (athlete, official, staff, ...) which will be invoiced and has to be paid to World Abilitysport after the competition.

The data from Entry Forms and Ophardt system must be consistent and current.

It is responsibility of the national federations to inform World Abilitysport **AND** the local Organizing Committee about any changes and keep all data up-to-date.

Invoices for entered participants (Accreditation Rates and Room Rates) will be sent to you by the local organizers.

If you have any particular **food requirements**, please send an email to

paraworldcup@usafencing.org

PAYMENTS FOR ACCREDITATION AND ROOM RATES

All accommodation and accreditation fees must be paid in full to the organizers directly **by 1 May 2026** using the following bank details:

Bank name: Bell Bank

Bank address: 3100 13th Avenue South, Fargo, ND 58103

Account holder: United States Fencing Association DBA USA Fencing

Address: 210 USA Cycling Point, Suite 120, Colorado Springs, CO 80919

Account Number: 6521497377

SWIFT: BSTTUS44

The party making payment will be responsible for bank charges, if any.

LATE ENTRIES / REGISTRATIONS

In exceptional situations of

- the registration of accommodation packages with the local organizers after **15 April 2026**
- the registration of athletes and officials in Ophardt system after **15 April 2026** may be considered by LOC and World Abilitysport and may be accepted.

In this case a 20% penalty fee will be added to Accreditation Rates and Room Rates by the local organizers, and World Abilitysport will charge a £150 (after **24 May 2026**: £250) late entry surcharge for each late entry.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations after the closing deadline for entries are only possible for medical reasons or force majeure, which have to be proved. The national federation must inform World Abilitysport **AND** the local organizers.

Any cancellation of ordered accommodation packages **after 17 April but before 24 April** will result in applying the cancellation fee:

75% of packages that have been ordered and cancelled.

Any cancellation of ordered accommodation packages **after 24 April** will result in applying the cancellation fee:

100% of package that have been ordered and cancelled.

WORLD ABILITYSPORT FEES

The **World Para Fencing IF Fee** (50 GBP per person), a possible **Late Entry Surcharge** (150 GBP per person after the entry deadline and until 3 days before the competition, 250 GBP until the head of delegation meeting), the **fine for missing referees** (1.500 GBP per missing referee before and 2.000 GBP after the entry deadline) and possible other fines must be paid directly to World Para Fencing.

Please note that all fees and penalties payable to World Para Fencing will be invoiced **AFTER THE COMPETITION.**

START TIMES

The start times of individual and team events may be subject to change to another time on the same day after the final entry deadline, when the entry numbers of athletes and teams are known.