



MEMORANDUM

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VIA EMAIL

TO: Head Coaches of Institutions Sponsoring Men’s and/or Women’s Fencing.

FROM: NCAA Fencing Committee.

SUBJECT: NCAA Fencing Season and Championship Information.

In preparation for the season and the championships, please be aware of the items outlined below. For additional updates throughout the year, please check the [NCAA Fencing Administration Page](#).

1. **Pre-Championships Manual.** The National Collegiate Men’s and Women’s Fencing Championships Pre-Championships Manual will be posted on the fencing administration page on NCAA.org no later than November 1.
2. **Important Dates and Timeline.**

September 23	Score reporting system open for submission of rosters.
November 29	Deadline for coaches to submit rosters through the online system. <i>A fine of \$200 will be issued to institutions failing to submit this information by the deadline.</i>
February 17	Deadline for an institution’s athletics director to submit a request for extension to use the first weekend in March as a makeup date for a previously scheduled competition.
February 25	Deadline for institutions to submit individual results via the online score reporting system, <i>late scores will not be accepted, unless granted an extension.</i>
March 2	Deadline for institutions receiving a competition extension to turn in results via the online score reporting system. <i>Late scores will not be accepted.</i>
March 2	Deadline for an institution’s athletics director to submit a waiver of minimum requirements to compete in regional competition.
March 7/8	Regional Competition
March 11	Championships Selections.
March 19-22	National Collegiate Men’s and Women’s Fencing Championships- Detroit, Michigan.

3. **Rules.** The current United States Fencing Association (USFA) rules will be used for the championships. *ALL* rules adopted by USFA prior to **October 1** of each year will be automatically adopted for use, *unless otherwise informed by the committee*. An updated USFA Rule Book will be posted to the NCAA Fencing Administration Page once it is made available.
4. **Online Score Reporting System.** The online score reporting system can be accessed at <https://web1.ncaa.org/indsport/exec/login>. Your institutional ID and password must be used to access this site. Your athletics director will be able to provide you with this information. NOTE: your institutional ID and password are the same as they were last year.

It is the responsibility of each institution to submit results throughout the season on the online score reporting system. *It is important that each coach review their schedules and results that are input for both home and away competition to ensure all bouts are accurately represented.* Discrepancies and/or duplicates should be handled by coaches of the involved institutions. If further assistance is needed, contact the NCAA national office.

5. **Power Ratings.** The power rating scale is an important piece of a Fencer's Strength Factor (FSF). Because of this, it is imperative that these ratings are accurate. Links to the most up to date power rating scale, as well as USFA and FIE rankings are posted on the fencing administration page on ncaa.org. If there is a discrepancy in a student-athlete's power rating, contact the head coach of the student-athlete directly. If further assistance is needed, contact the NCAA national office.

Power Ratings provided at the beginning of the season should be used throughout the entire year, unless it is determined that it is a misrepresentation of a fencer's ability level at the time of submission. In this case, please contact the NCAA national office.

6. **Regional Competition Format.** The following are the locations of the 2019 regional competitions:
 - a. Northeast Region- Cornell University; Ithaca, New York- March 8
 - b. Mid-Atlantic/South- Duke University; Durham, North Carolina- March 7
 - c. Midwest- University of Detroit Mercy; Detroit, Michigan- March 7
 - d. West- United States Air Force Academy; US Air Force Academy, Colorado- March 7

7. **2020 Regional Allocations.** Below are the approved allocations for the 2020 championships.

	Mid-Atlantic/ South	Midwest	Northeast	West	At-Large
Men's Epee	6	4	8	4	2
Men's Foil	7	4	8	3	2
Men's Sabre	7	4	9	2	2
Women's Epee	7	4	9	2	2
Women's Foil	7	5	8	2	2
Women's Sabre	7	4	9	2	2

8. **Regional Qualification.** For a student-athlete to compete at their respective regional, they must **compete in a minimum of 21 bouts**, as well as **achieve a 25-percent win-loss percentage** in scheduled bouts.
9. **2020 Championships.** The 2020 championships will be held in Detroit, Michigan, and hosted by the Detroit Sports Commission and University of Detroit Mercy. The championships will take place at the TCF Center in downtown Detroit. Additional information, including hotel information, will be sent in the coming months via the NCAA monthly newsletter, as well as posted on the fencing administration page on NCAA.org.

If you have questions regarding any of the above information, please contact Eric Breece at ebreece@ncaa.org or 317-917-6781.

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