



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 22.
2. **Important Dates and Timeline.**

October 1	Score reporting system open for submission of rosters.
November 24	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 19	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.
March 1	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 4	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 4	Deadline for an institution's athletics director to submit a waiver of minimum requirements to compete in regional competition.
March 9/10	Regional Competition.
March 12	Championships Selections.
March 21-24	National Collegiate Men's and Women's Fencing Championships-Columbus, Ohio.

3. **Rules.** The current USA Fencing rules will be used for the championships. *ALL* rules adopted by USA Fencing prior to **October 1** of each year will be automatically adopted for use, *unless otherwise informed by the committee*. An updated USA Fencing Rule Book, as well as other rules-related policies, can be found on the [NCAA Fencing Rules of the Game](https://www.ncaa.org/sportdiv/fencing/rules) page on NCAA.org.
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, or sports information director, will be able to provide you with this information. ***NOTE: your institutional ID and password are the same every 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 Season Performance Index (SPI). 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/ FIE rankings and previous season's (2022-2023) SPI, are posted on the fencing administration page on [ncaa.org](https://www.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.** Below are the locations of the 2024 regional competitions. Regional locations still being determined will be communicated as soon as possible.
 - a. Northeast Region - Long Island University - March 10.
 - b. Mid-Atlantic/South – Drew University - March 9.
 - c. Midwest - Wayne State University - March 9.
 - d. West – University of California, San Diego - March 9.

7. **2024 Regional Allocations.** Below are the approved allocations for the 2024 championships.

	Mid-Atlantic/ South	Midwest	Northeast	West	At-Large
Men's Epee	7	5	8	2	2
Men's Foil	7	4	9	2	2
Men's Sabre	7	4	9	2	2
Women's Epee	6	5	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. **2024 Championships.** The 2024 championships will be held in Columbus, Ohio, and hosted on the campus of The Ohio State University. 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 Zach Christopher at zchristopher@ncaa.org or 317-917-6112.

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