



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](#) as well as the monthly championships newsletter for your respective division. With changes being made across all NCAA divisions due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it is also important that you remain informed via your institutions administration on any changes that may affect your team.

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 once updates for the year are complete.
2. **Important Dates and Timeline.**

October	Score reporting system open for submission of rosters.
February 26 NEW for 2020-21	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 26	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 2	Deadline for institutions to submit individual results via the online score reporting system, <u>late scores will not be accepted, unless granted an extension.</u>
March 8	Deadline for institutions receiving a competition extension to turn in results via the online score reporting system. <u>Late scores will not be accepted.</u>
March 8	Deadline for an institution's athletics director to submit a waiver of minimum requirements to compete in regional competition.
March 13/14	Regional Competition- Locations to be determined.
March 16	Championships Selections.
March 25-28	National Collegiate Men's and Women's Fencing Championships- State College, Pennsylvania

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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](#) 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 will be able to provide you with this information. NOTE: your institutional ID and password are the same as they were last year.

An instructional document for entering rosters and results can be found on the [NCAA Fencing Administration Page](#). If additional guidance is needed, please contact the NCAA national office.

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.

Please take note that the deadline for submitting your rosters and results has been moved back to allow for maximum flexibility due to the Covid-19 pandemic (see the table above). Although the deadline is later, it is strongly encouraged that submissions take place as early as possible to ensure all results can be entered prior to the results submission deadline.

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. **2021 Regional Allocations.** Below are the approved allocations for the 2021 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

7. **Regional Qualification.** Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the bout requirements to be eligible to compete at regional competition has been adjusted for the 2020-21 season.

For a student-athlete to compete at their respective regional, they must **compete in a minimum of 10 bouts**, as well as **achieve a 25-percent win-loss percentage** in contested bouts.

8. **2021 Championships.** The 2021 championships will be held in State College, Pennsylvania, and hosted in the Multi-Sport Facility on the campus of Pennsylvania State University. Additional information will be provided in the coming months via the fencing administration page as well as the NCAA monthly newsletters.

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