

Long Island Division USFA

2007-2008

Qualifier Schedule

Welcome to the 2007-2008 USFA Fencing Season. Again, the Long Island Division witnessed the success of our fencers on the local as well as the national level. We look forward to another great year. This newsletter contains the qualifying schedule for the Junior Olympics as well as the Summer Nationals. Please hold on to this schedule for the year. The schedule will be posted and any updates on the Long Island website, www.liusfa.org

With a heavy heart, we report that Justin Meehan has accepted an offer to coach in Louisiana and has left Long Island with his family for this new opportunity. The Long Island Division wishes to thank Justin for his hours of help and support with the division over his many years of fencing dating back to the 1980's at St. Paul's Church in Huntington. A person larger than life, he will be missed each and every day.

We have also be told by the group of concerned former FCLI members, Jason Palmer and Dennis Kolakowski among others, who were making an effort to relocate and reopen the club in the Huntington area that this will not be happening. Zoning issues and initial start up costs have proven to much to over come. They wish to express the disappointment that they could not find a workable solution. We in the Long Island Division wish to express our sadness on the closing of the FCLI, the islands first full time club, serving the fencing community for over 10 years. Listed below are all the member clubs on Long Island – Former FCLI members please take this opportunity to see if any of our other fine fencing clubs can fit your needs.

2007-2008 Long Island Division Officers

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CLUB FENCING ON LONG ISLAND

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Stony Brook Univ. FC Christopher Lonardo  sbufencing@gmail.com www.ic.sunysb.edu/clubs/fencing	SBUFC		

Rules and Regulations for Long Island Tournaments

All competing fencers MUST have proof of membership by bringing their CURRENT USFA card with them. USFA membership expires the end of July. It is appreciated if the fencer renews BEFORE the qualifiers. If proof is not provided the fencer must pay for a new membership.

The waiver of liability must be signed by the fencer, and parent if under 18 before they may compete. If there is a question, parents should come in and ensure the child is allowed to fence. Contact the National Office if membership card is delayed at: 719-866-4511 before the qualifier

It is the fencer's responsibility to register with his / her membership card and fee in hand.

The cost of the competition will be **\$25 per event**. We ask that everyone realize that many people running the event are volunteers and help is needed to: keep score, set up / break down, clean up.

The times that are listed on the schedule represent the **CLOSE of Registration**. Once the bout committee has created pools, fencing is expected to start as soon as possible.

The tournament format is the sole discretion of the bout committee. It is the responsibility of the fencer to know and understand the format for the event. Fencers must be fully attired in complete fencing uniform to include underarm protector, knickers and tall socks. Sweat pants are not acceptable. Girls must wear chest protection. Masks must pass a 12kg punch test and have a sewn in bib and back strap. Fencers are required to have at least two working weapons, two working body cords and a working lame (foil/ saber). The equipment must conform to the rules or be subject to penalties (yellow card, red card, etc). The fencer is responsible for the maintenance of these weapons.

Responsibility of the Long Island Division

The Long Island Division has the responsibility to promote the sport of fencing on Long Island. The Division organizes and schedules the qualifiers for the Junior Olympics and the Summer Nationals. This is not an easy task. We have to avoid conflicts with the national schedule, as well as SATs, and ACTs, religious holidays, etc. We have long found that it is impossible to please everyone. One qualifier has always been scheduled for the first weekend in January and it rotates every year. This work is done in committee, after a good amount of discussion in regards to options. The choice of venue is determined by the anticipated number of competitors, cost, as well as availability of a volunteer to assume responsibility of securing and management of the site during the qualifier.

Sportsmanship;

Win or lose it is how you play the game that counts. Only the fencers may speak to the referees. Parents must set a positive example. We would appreciate if parents would be mindful of their words and actions at the qualifiers as well as other tournaments. Spectators as well as athletes can be carded and asked to leave a venue for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Every year the USFA makes the **USFA Athlete's Handbook** on line. It is worth downloading on your computer as a reference. **All Clubs** should have a copy of the Athlete's Handbook available for their members to use as a resource.

Qualifiers

A fencer must qualify through their Division. One may not go to another Division to qualify for the Junior Olympics or the Summer Nationals. If the fencer has earned points in an event, they are auto qualifiers for that event, provided that they have not aged out of it. It is important for fencers to become familiar with various qualifying paths. This is available in the Athlete's handbook. Please plan ahead for qualifiers. Check that you have the directions and know the schedule before the day of the event.

Petitions:

A "petition" is not an alternate way of gaining entry to the Junior Olympics or Summer Nationals. **All petitions must start and be supported by the Division before being sent on to the USFA.** A major point of a petition is that the fencer should be able to demonstrate by documenting an established record in the event for which he / or she is petitioning for entry. Also, rule of thumb is that the fencer had qualified for the event in question the previous year. Missing the qualifier for a family vacation does not usually constitute a reason for a petition. If an injury is involved, documentation by a doctor is required for the diagnosis of the injury and support that the athlete will be well enough to compete at the upcoming event.

Ratings:

Fencers are able to earn a rating if the required number of competing athletes satisfies the USFA rules. The fencer must end up on the top somewhere. Ratings affect fencers when pools are set up. Some people are spending way too much time worrying about this issue and not enjoying the sport and improving their skills. This year the USFA is planning to post the most current ratings and those will be considered the current and valid ones. It is necessary for anyone who is running a tournament to submit the information promptly.

Empire Games

Many of us who have been involved in Fencing in New York worked hard to have the sport reinstated in the Empire competition. It is a state wide competition. It is very challenging to make the team. The qualifiers will take place in June. Dates will be posted online: www.liusfa.org

OFFICIAL SANCTIONING OF LONG ISLAND CLUB COMPETITIONS

The Long Island Division officially sanctions all club meets subject to the following conditions being met by hosting club:

- The Club must follow all USFA rules(full safety gear) and practices for running the Tournament
- The Club must publicize the competition (preferably by internet / e-mail). There can be no instant competitions.
- All contestants must be COMPETITIVE members of the USFA

No club may schedule a competition that conflicts with a Division Qualifier

DIRECTIONS TO COMPETITION SITES**Huntington Intermediate School:**

Contact: Linda Wangner 516-741-5809

155 Lowndes Avenue, Huntington Station, NY 11746

Route 110 North into Huntington. Turn left onto Railroad Street at the Huntington Train Station. Take your first right on to Lowndes Avenue. Continue on Lowndes Avenue for ½ mile. The school is on the left.

Mission Fencing Center

Contact Jennie/Jeff Salmon 631-821-1131

346 Route 25A, Suite 82, Rocky Point, NY 11778

Rocky Point Road and North Country Road / Kohls Shopping Center

From Nassau County: Northern State Parkway East. Northern State Parkway becomes Route 347 East : 14 miles; 347 E becomes Route 25A (4.7 miles)

From Suffolk County:

Western Suffolk: Take LIE, Sunrise Highway EAST / then take Route 97 OR Route 112 OR Patchogue Mt Sinai Road NORTH: Right turn on to Route 25A

From the East: LIE, Sunrise Highway to William Floyd Parkway North: Left turn on to Route 25A From

North Shore Fencer's Club

Contact Vladimir Goffman 917-335-5933

Lake Success Business park, 240 Community Drive, Great Neck, NY 11021

Exit 33 from the Long Island Expressway: North, stay in left lane;

More detailed instructions: <http://www.northshorefc.com/directions.php>

A: Beginning August 1, 2007 and in effect for all competitions except for the 2008 Summer Nationals and associated Division and Section Qualifying Competitions

CATEGORY	DIV. I/DIV. II, III	JUNIOR	CADET	YOUTH 14	YOUTH 12	YOUTH 10
CODE	DV1, DV2, DV3	U20	U17	Y14	Y12	Y10
BIRTH YEARS	1994 or earlier	1988-1994	1991-1994	1993-1996	1995-1998	1997-2000

B: 2008 Summer Nationals & Associated Division & Section Qualifying Competitions ONLY

CATEGORY	DIV. IA, II, III	VETERAN	JUNIOR	CADET	YOUTH 14	YOUTH 12	YOUTH 10
CODE	D1A, DV1, 2, 3	VET	U19	U16	Y14	Y12	Y10
BIRTH YEARS	1994 or earlier	≤ 1967	1989-1995	1992-1995	1993-1996	1995-1998	1997-2000

CATEGORY	DVI TEAM	SR TM	JR TEAM	VETERAN 40-49	VETERAN 50-59	VETERAN 60 & Older
CODE	DTM	STM	JTM	V40	V50	V60
BIRTH YEARS	≤ 1994	≤ 1994	1989-1995	9/2/58-1967	9/2/48- 9/1/58	Born 9/2/48 or before
	≤ - Less or	Equal		As of 1/1/08	Age Range as of 9/1/08	

**FALL SCHEDULE
JUNIOR OLYMPIC QUALIFIERS**

Birth Year / Junior U-20 (1988-1994)

Birth Year / Cadet U-17 (1991-1994)

SUNDAY / December 2, 2007

Junior Olympic SABER qualifiers / \$25 per event

Cadet Birth years 1991-1994

Junior Birth years 1988-1994

Mission Fencing Center

346 Route 25A, Suite 82

Rocky Point Road & North Country Road

Rocky Point, New York, 11778

Closing Time

Boy's Cadet (1991-1994) 8:45 AM

Boys Junior (1988-1994) 9:30 AM

Girls Cadet (1991-1994) 12:30 PM

Girls Junior (1988-1994) 1:15 PM

SUNDAY, December 16, 2007

Junior Olympic EPEE qualifiers / \$25 per event

Cadet Birth years 1991-1994

Junior Birth years 1988-1994

North Shore Fencer's Club

Lake Success Business Park,

240 Community Drive, Great Neck, NY 11021

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Boys Junior (1988-1994) 9:30 AM

Girls Cadet (1991-1994) 12:30 PM

Girls Junior (1988-1994) 1:15 PM

Randy Hudson Memorial Tournament TBA

SATURDAY, January 5, 2008

Junior Olympic FOIL qualifier /\$25 per event

Cadet Birth years 1991-1994

Junior Birth years 1988-1994

Huntington Intermediate School

155 Lowndes Avenue

Huntington Station, NY 11746

Closing Time

Boy's Cadet (1991-1994) 8:45 AM

Boys Junior (1988-1994) 9:30 AM

Girls Cadet (1991-1994) 12:30 PM

Girls Junior (1988-1994) 1:15 PM

As the schedule is confirmed, information will be updated on the Long Island Division web site:

www.liusfa.org

Clubs and coaches will be notified well in advance.

If anyone has any questions, they may contact:
Linda Wangner via e-mail:

LWANGNER@aol.com as well as calling her home: 516-741-5809

It is not advisable to call the morning of the qualifier because she will be traveling to the venue and is unavailable. Please plan ahead

**SPRING SCHEDULE
SUMMER NATIONAL QUALIFIERS**

Sunday, March 2, 2008

Youth 14 Foil Qualifier \$25 per event

Youth 14 Saber Qualifier \$25 per event

Birth years 1993-1996

Under 16 Foil Qualifier \$25 per event

Under 16 Saber Qualifier \$25 per event

Birth year 1992-1995

Y-14 Boys Foil 9:15 AM

U-16 Boys Foil 10:00 AM

Y-14 Girls Saber 9:15 AM

U-16 Girls Saber 10:00 AM

Y-14 Girls Foil 1:30 PM

U-16 Girls Foil 2:15 PM

Y-14 Boys Saber 1:00 PM

U-16 Boys Saber 1:45 PM

Venue To Be Announced

Sunday, March 16, 2008

Youth 14 Epee Qualifier \$25 per event

Birth years 1993-1996

Under 16 Epee Qualifier \$25 per event

Birth year 1992-1995

Y-14 Boys Epee 9:15 AM
 U-16 Boys Epee 10:00 AM
 Y-14 Girls Epee 12:00 NOON
 U-16 Girls Epee 12:45 PM

Venue To Be Announced

Sunday, April 6, 2008

Division II / III Qualifier \$25 per event

Birth year 1994 or older

Men's' Epee 9:15 am
 Women's' Foil 9:15 am
 Men's' Foil 11:30 am
 Women's' Epee 11:30 am
 Men's' Saber 2:00 pm
 Women's' Saber 2:00 pm

Venue To Be Announced

Sunday, May 4, 2008

Open Team Qualifier \$40 per team

Birth year 1994 or older

Junior Team Qualifier \$40 per team

Birth years 1989 - 1995

U-19 Men's Saber 9:00 AM
 U-19 Women's Foil 9:00 AM
 Open Men's Epee 9:00 AM
 Open Women's Saber 9:00 AM
 U-19 Men's Epee 12:00 NOON
 U-19 Women's Saber 12:00 NOON
 Open Men's Foil 12:00 NOON
 Open Women's Epee 12:00 NOON
 U-19 Men's Foil 3:00 PM
 U-19 Women's Epee 3:00 PM
 Open Men's Saber 3:00 PM
 Open Women's Foil 3:00 PM

Venue To Be Announced