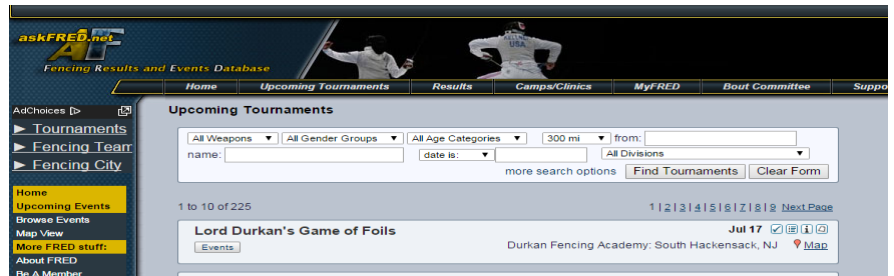


Entering Competitions

Signing up on **askFRED.net** will require a few extra steps the first time you do it. When you go to the “Competition Quick View”, you will see a partial list of tournaments that are coming soon. When you go to askfred.net there will be a lot of events listed that you are not interested in. This is because askfred is used by tournament organizers all over the country. Look at the top left of the home page and click on "Upcoming Tournaments".

Using the Drop Down choose weapon “Epee”

Then under *All Divisions* choose “Colorado”



Now you will find local tournaments arranged chronologically (if you are signing up well in advance you may have to click on more to see additional tournaments).

Click on the tournament name which will bring you to the information page for that tournament. You will see a list of events, times, age eligibility and other details. To pre-register, click on Preregister. You need to add your fencer to the FRED database just this first time. Instructions for that follow. Note that this is different than the USA Fencing profile.

A couple of things to keep in mind:

Our club is Front Range Fencing Club

Our division is Colorado.

You don't have a secondary club or a rating so skip those.

Make sure to include a valid email address that will accept mail from FRED.

Click on the event(s) you are signing up for and hit Preregister. You will get an email confirming your registration.

Go to:

askfred.net

askFRED = FRED is not a person it is a Fencing Results and Entry Database. Almost all local competitions are entered on [askFRED.net](http://askfred.net)

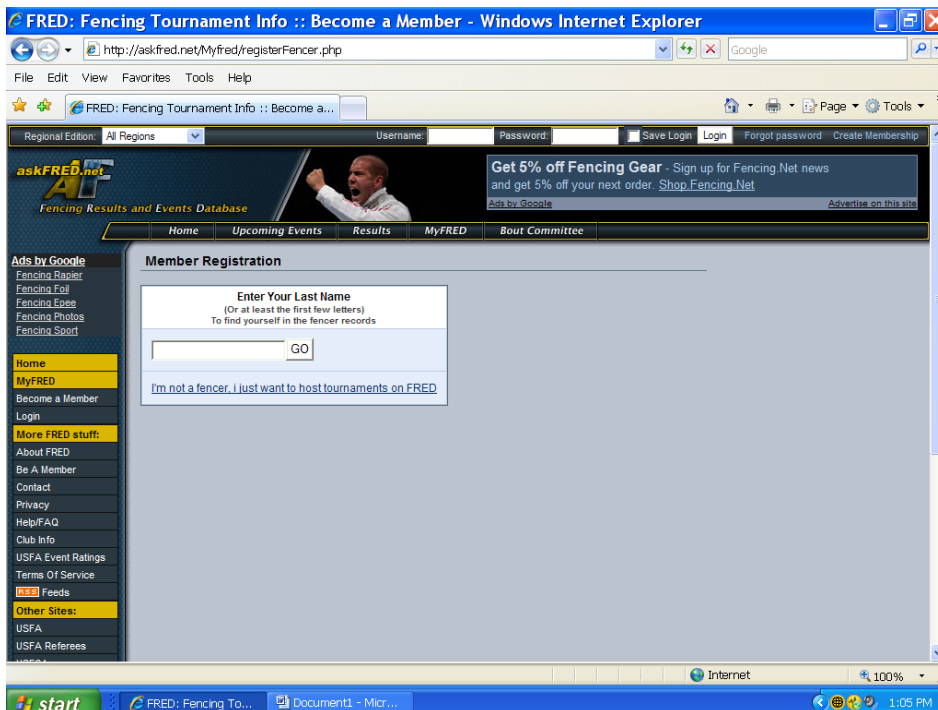
if you have not registered before you will need to do so

the first screen you will see is this:



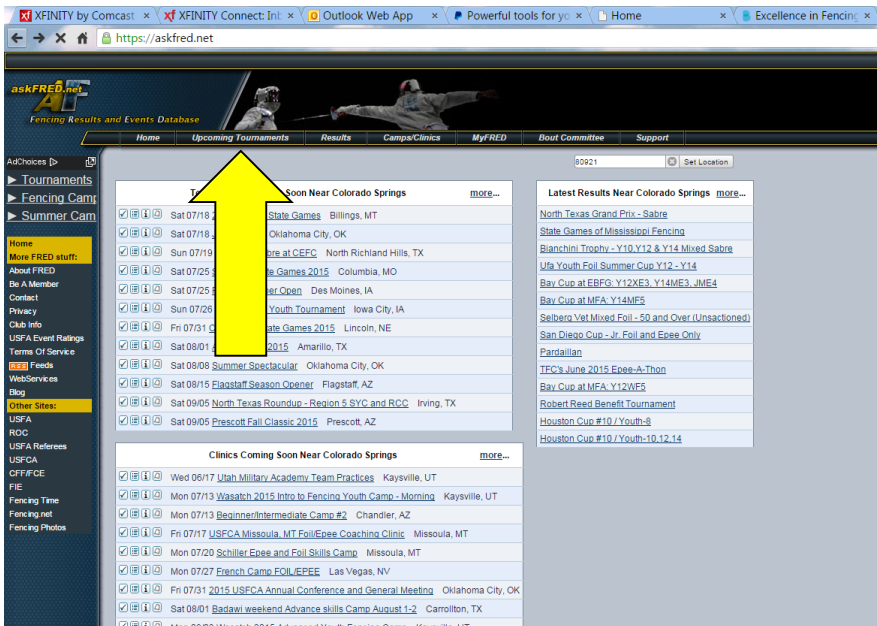
If you have never registered as a user on askfred before click on create membership, see the yellow arrow above. It will open to the following page

Enter your last name and follow the prompts. You must enter your fencers information (not the parent). Be sure to list your club as Front Range Fencing Club and your Division as COLORADO

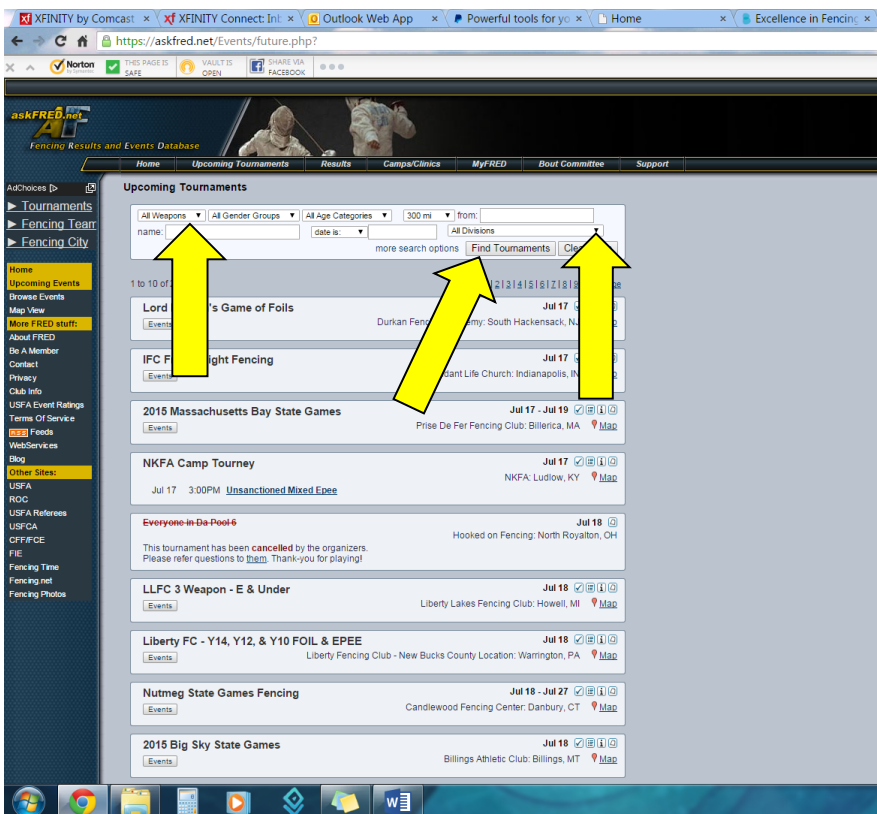


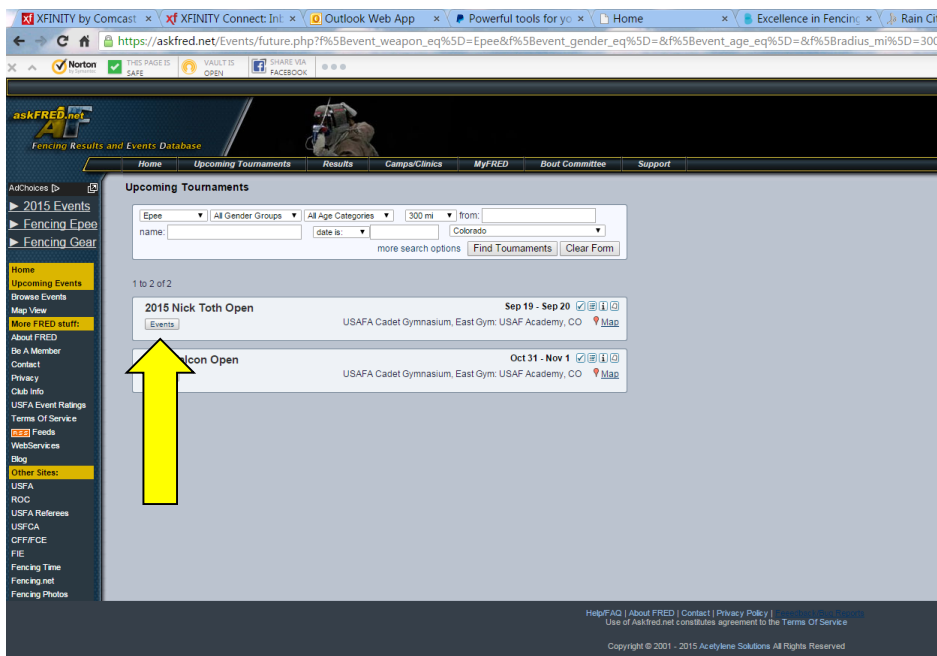
Once you have registered as a user you will be able to enter competitions.

Go to the main screen (Home) it will open to this page. Click on Upcoming Tournaments – see yellow arrow.



From the “All Weapons” drop down choose “Epee” and from the “All Divisions” drop down choose “Colorado” division then click on “Find Tournaments”.



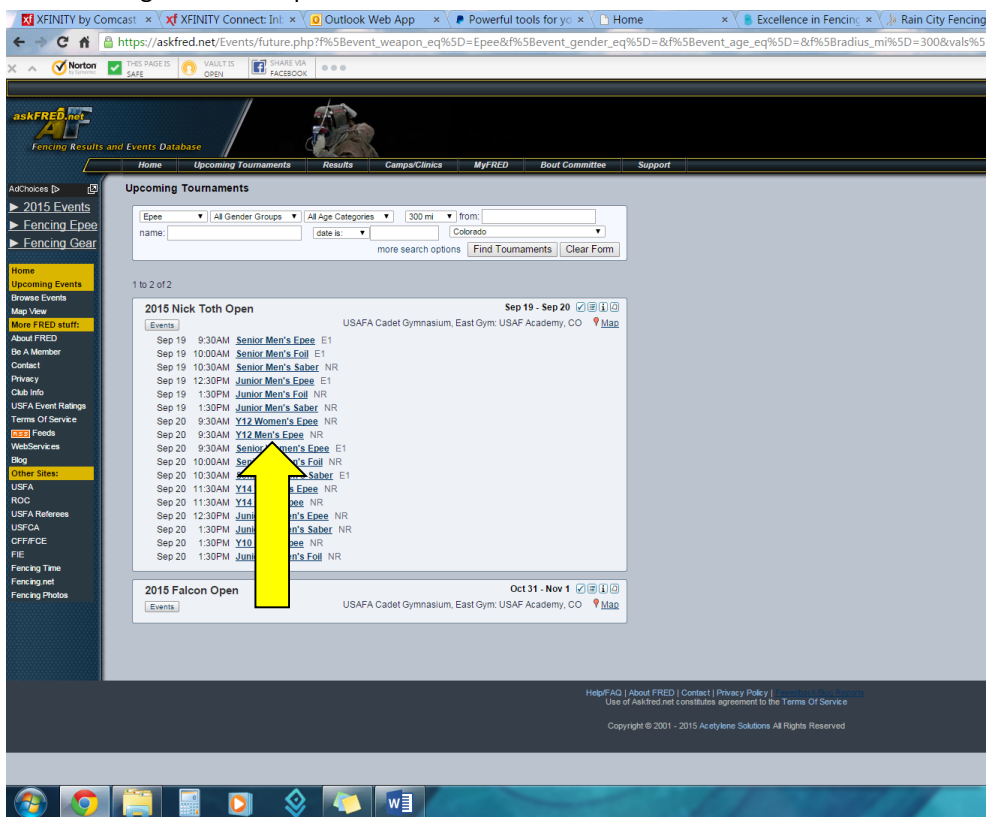


Note that at times there may be more tournaments listed.

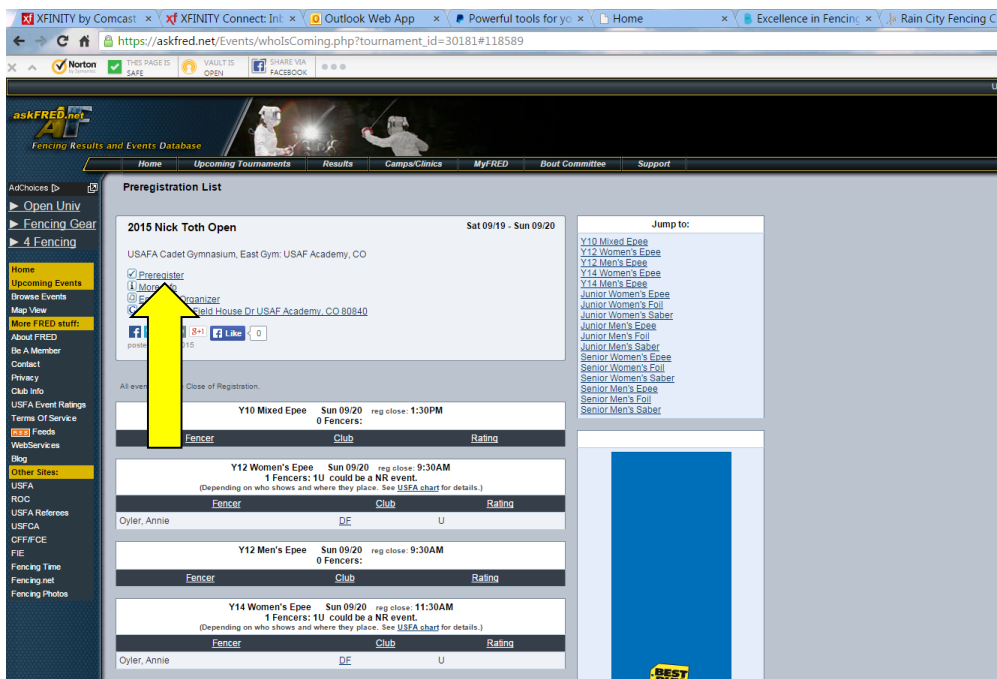
Find the event you want to enter and then click on the “Events” button to preregister for that event.

For this example it is the “Nick Toth Open” event.

The following screen will open:

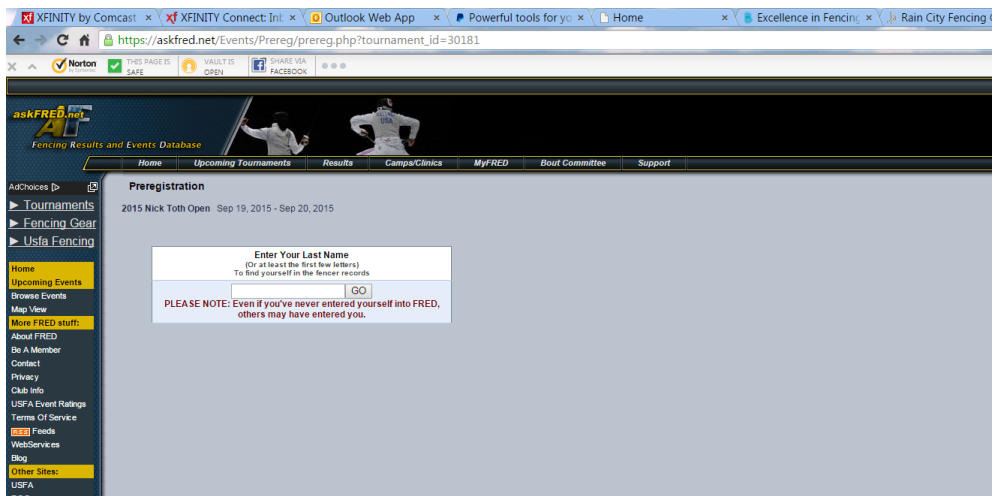


Click on the underscored area of the specific event you want to enter. In the example it is y12 Men’s Epee.



This page will again show you all events as well as number of fencers pre-registered, event rating and so forth.

Click on "Preregister".



Enter your fencer last name. If more than one fencer has the same name you will be given a drop down list to choose from. Click on your fencer name. You will then get to choose which events at that particular competition you want to enter based on age and weapon.

Weapons: Epee - all FRFC fencers fence epee.

Age Categories of fencers:

Competition year runs August 1 – Through July 31

Y10 = youth ten and under as of January 1 of the competition year

Y12 = youth 12 and under as of January 1 of the competition year

Y14 = youth 14 and under as of January 1 of the competition year

U16 = under 16 as of January 1 of the competition year

U17 = under 17 as of January 1 of the competition year

U19 = under 19 as of January 1 of the competition year

Cadet = same as U17

Junior = same as U19

Senior = fencers 19 and older as of January 1 of the competition year

Open = fencers 13 and older as of January 1 of the competition year

Veteran = older fencers, this is broken down into subcategories.

Fencers may fence in events where the age is older than them but not younger, i.e., a y12 fencer can fence in y14 or but not y10.

Classification:

All fencers start as unclassified or U. If you have never fenced in a competition other than the club competition you are a U.

Gender:

Even though they are youth fencers they are still referred to as:

M = Men

And

W = Women

Division = Colorado

Club = Front Range Fencing Club or FRFC.

At the competition:

EQUIPMENT INSPECTION: At check in masks must undergo a punch test and will be stamped. This must be done at each competition. Body cords and gloves will also be inspected prior to the start. The weapons will be checked on strip with epee weights and shims. Don't ask me to verbalize that, ask me to show you sometime. At the strip referees will check to see that all fencers are wearing a fabric underarm protector. They will check to see that all women are wearing a chest protector. Chest protectors are not required for men. Likewise cups are not required for men.

TOURNAMENT: After check in fencers need to do a thorough warm up. Fencers will be divided into pools that are either posted or announced. Report promptly to your assigned strip as per event instructions. Present yourself to the referee. The referee will announce the bout order. If you are "on-deck" you should start to do some bouncing to loosen up and a few lunges when the bout before you has a fencer whose score reaches 3. Go to the side of the strip the referee tells you to with both weapons, leaving the extra one at the side near the reel.

Generally fencers are divided into small groups called pools. Pools may have 5 - 8 fencers. Pools are fenced round-robin, i.e. you will fence everyone in your pool. Bouts are for 5 touches. After all of these bouts are finished you will be re-seeded into a direct elimination. Direct elimination is usually a single elimination of 15 touches. If you lose the bout you are finished.

FRONT RANGE FENCER COMPETITION ETIQUETTE

Make a gear checklist so you don't forget things. Fencers should pack their bag the day before or even earlier and have a parent double check it. Be sure your fencer's uniform is clean, gear is working and able to pass inspection in advance of the competition.

If it is an event with coaching support upon arrival at the venue report to the coach.

Fencers check in, pay and do weapons check themselves. Not the parent. A parent may accompany a fencer to do this if desired.

After pools or DE's are posted, fencers report to the coach which strip they will be fencing on.

Fencers: Have a plan before you hook up for each bout. Watch what that fencer did in the previous bouts. Be sure you check your scores and know your place in the pools as well as your indicators. Be sure to thank the ref and shake their hand at the end of each pool or DE. When a coach has been watching you - after the bout you come to the coach for feedback, don't make the coach chase you down.

Report Pool and DE results to the coach.

When receiving an award you should wear your club warmups, neatly zipped no matter the weather.

When you are finished it is recommended that you stay to watch the later bouts of your event since you will be fencing these people again. A lot of experience is to be gained from observation.

When you leave always thank the coach and shake their hand. Likewise thank your parent for taking the time to bring you and supporting your fencing.

Never cheer against a teammate – parents and siblings are exceptions.

Always respect and appreciate your parents. Whatever they say take it. Say yes mam/sir or shake your head yes to acknowledge it – whether you use it or not. You are in their hearts and they only want what is best for you.

Don't tell a teammate anything that might upset them before a bout. Be positive. If you have fenced that person and did something that worked share it.

Each touch of each bout is something new anything can always happen. Each touch counts so always fight till the end.

Recommended Fencer Tool Kit

Be sure to get parts that fit your weapon, i.e. French or German, if you ordered your gear from FRFC then it is German parts.

FRFC stocks German point parts.



From Fencing Supplier for basic up keep and basic repair

- epee tip screws - 10 or one pkg.
- epee contact springs – 10 or one pkg. (this is the smaller spring)
- epee weight springs - 10 or one pkg. (this is the larger spring)
- epee tip top – 3
- sanding stone

If you are going to be doing your own entire repair, rewiring, testing and unless you are sending your equipment to an armorer to be fixed:

- complete epee tip and wire
- spaghetti wire - 1 ft.
- test box
- epee weight
- epee shims

From Local Discount Store:

- Q-tips
- white hand towel (to work on)
- magnet

From Local Home Improvement Store:

- wd40
- small tip screwdriver
- large flathead screwdriver for socket or pommel nut
- allen wrench (if pommel nut requires one)
- pliers
- container to keep everything in

BE SURE to check out the PDF instruction sheets and video links on equipment repair on the FRFC website:

<http://frontrangefencing.tripod.com/>

Go to the tab Member EQUIPMENT and REPAIR

How do "Pools" work?

Fencers are seeded into pools (smaller groups of fencers) by their classifications. Fencers earn classifications in competitions and could be rated an "A" (the highest) through "E." All fencers begin as "U" – unclassified (the lowest). Seeding is randomized within each classification then divided as equally as possible into pools. Each person fences all the others in that pool. Bout order is adjusted so that team mates fence first. In as much as possible all pools should have an equal number of team mates if more than one team member is present.

The score is kept on a "Pool" sheet (see below, a blank one is included to practice) and points awarded for each touch (the score). The bouts are 3 minutes long. By the end of the bout each fencer will have from 0-5 points.

Using three young ladies for our example. Sally, Mary and Della are fencing a very small pool.

Della fences Sally first. Sally wins 5-2. Put a 5 and a V for victory on the 3rd number (Della) on Sally's row. On Della's row, put a 2 in the first column.

Name	#	1	2	3	V	TS	TR	IND	Place
Sally	1	█		5/V					
Mary	2		█						
Della	3	2		█					

Now Mary will fence Sally. Put the line in the number boxes of those fencers (1 fencing 2, and 2 fencing 1). As the bout progresses, you can tick each point in the appropriate box. Time runs out and the score is Sally 3, Mary 4. Sally loses to Mary.

Name	#	1	2	3	V	TS	TR	IND	Place
Sally	1	█	/	5/V					
Mary	2	/	█						
Della	3	2/		█					

Record the 4 for Mary and put a V beside it, because even though she did not reach 5 points, she still won the bout. This is very important because you may not remember it was a victory when adding the final results unless you indicate it this way.

Name	#	1	2	3	V	TS	TR	IND	Place
Sally	1	█	3/	5/V					
Mary	2	4/V	█						
Della	3	2/		█					

Now the last bout is between Mary and Della. Della was able to squeak by in a 5-4 victory. Indicate that on the sheet, and while the fencers impatiently wait, figure the stats for the pool.

Name	#	1	2	3	V	TS	TR	IND	Place
Sally	1	█	3/	5/V					
Mary	2	4/V	█	4					
Della	3	2/	5/V	█					

First, count the number of victories across for each fencer. Figure a percentage by the number of bouts fenced into the number of wins. Sally fenced 2 bouts and won 1 – that is a 50% victory. The computer or the bout person will assign that percentage on their paperwork.

Name		1	2	3	V	TS	TR	IND	Place
Sally	1	█	3/	5/V	1				
Mary	2	4/V	█	4	1				
Della	3	2/	5/V	█	1				

Next, count the number of touches each fencer (row) scored. Add up each touch on the horizontal lines and record that in the TS (TOUCHES SCORED) box.

Name	#	1	2	3	V	TS	TR	IND	Place
Sally	1	█	3/	5/V	1	8			
Mary	2	4/V	█	4	1	8			
Della	3	2/	5/V	█	1	7			

Next, record the number of touches that the fencers received. Count each fencer's number down and record that in the TR (TOUCHES RECEIVED) box.

Name	#	1	2	3	V	TS	TR	IND	Place
Sally	1	█	3/	5/V	1	8	6		
Mary	2	4/V	█	4	1	8	8		
Della	3	2/	5/V	█	1	7	9		

Now subtract the TR from the TS and record the number in the IND (INDICATOR) box. This is the fencer's indicator which tells their S/R ratio. Sally scored 8 touches and only received 6, so she is positive 2. Mary had 8 each so her indicator is 0. Della scored 7, but received 9 hits, so she is negative 2.

By the way, all fencers should know their indicator at any time during the pool. This can help them relax as it is not such an unknown.

Name	#	1	2	3	V	TS	TR	IND	Place
Sally	1	█	3/	5/V	1	8	6	+2	
Mary	2	4/V	█	4	1	8	8	0	
Della	3	2/	5/V	█	1	7	9	-2	

Finally, assign place in the pool (this is NOT place in the event, only in this pool). Since all the girls won a bout, the first method of % of victories can't be used. Move next to indicators. Sally has the highest indicator, therefore she will receive first place in the pool; Della 2nd, and Mary last.

Name	#	1	2	3	V	TS	TR	IND	Place
Sally	1	█	3/	5/V	1	8	6	+2	1
Mary	2	4/V	█	4	1	8	8	0	2
Della	3	2/	5/V	█	1	7	9	-2	3

Fencers are to sign the score sheets after checking the math.

If you only keep score for your fencer, it will still help them to know what they should see when they check their score before they sign off on it.

Please remember by signing the score sheet the fencer is agreeing that all the information is correct. Once it is signed and turned into the bout committee – THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO WAY TO DISPUTE REVERSED SCORES, WRONG SCORES OR MISTAKES IN MATH!! It is a good idea for fencers to glance at the score sheet after each bout to make sure the score was recorded correctly.

After the results are tabulated from the pools, a new seeding will be posted that will express how the fencers are actually fencing today, as opposed to their classification status. This next phase is called direct elimination (or d.e.) and if you lose, you are eliminated (out).

Look at the seeding for the d.e. phase, and see how many fencers there are. Tableaus (tables) are figured on multiples of 8 (i.e. 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256). If there are 9 people, you are working in a table of 16. If there are more than 16, the table is 32; more than 32 = 64; and if there are 118 fencers, you are working in a table of 128.



U S F A

Tournament: _____
 Competition: _____
 Round: _____ Pool: _____ Strip: _____
 Referee: _____

Club	Name	#	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	V	TS	TR	Ind	PI
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		2		■											
		3			■										
		4				■									
		5					■								
		6						■							
		7							■						
		8								■					

Warnings: _____

Pool of 4 6 Bouts	Pool of 5 10 Bouts	Pool of 6 15 Bouts	Pool of 7 21 Bouts	Pool of 8 28 Bouts	Special Bout Orders For Teammates			
					Pool of 6	Pool of 6	Pool of 7	Pool of 8
1-4 2-3 1-3 2-4 3-4 1-2	1-2 3-4 5-1 2-3 5-4 1-3 2-5 4-1 3-5 4-2	1-2 5-3 4-5 1-6 2-3 4-2 5-6 3-6 3-1 5-1 6-4 3-4 2-5 6-2 1-4	1-4 5-1 3-5 2-5 4-3 1-6 3-6 6-2 2-4 7-1 5-7 7-3 5-4 3-1 6-5 2-3 4-6 1-2 6-7 7-2 4-7	2-3 8-3 3-7 1-5 6-7 4-8 7-4 4-2 2-6 6-8 8-1 3-5 1-2 7-5 1-7 3-4 3-6 4-6 5-6 2-8 8-5 8-7 5-4 7-2 4-1 6-1 1-3 5-2	1-4 6-4 2-5 1-2 3-6 3-4 5-1 5-6 4-2 2-3 3-1 1-6 6-2 4-5 5-3	3-1 2-5 4-2 3-6 1-4 4-5 2-3 6-2 5-6 5-1 1-2 6-4 3-4 5-3 1-6	1-2 6-2 1-4 4-5 3-4 2-7 6-7 7-5 5-3 3-1 1-6 6-4 4-7 4-2 7-1 2-3 7-3 2-5 5-1 5-6 3-6	2-3 3-6 8-7 7-4 2-8 5-6 6-8 5-4 3-4 1-2 6-1 8-1 7-5 3-7 5-2 4-6 4-8 6-7 1-3 2-6 8-3 8-5 3-5 1-5 4-2 4-1 7-2 1-7
		Same order for 3 teammates 1'2'3, 4'5'6			3 pairs of teammates 1'4, 2'5, 3'6	four teammates 1'2'3'4	3 teammates 1'2'3	3 teammates 1'2'3