

APRIL 2018

COLUMBIA FENCERS' CLUB

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Greetings CFC Fencers & Friends,

***Welcome Clark, Ian, Dayn, Evan F., Reggie, Y.M.,
and welcome back Michael R!***

Fencers -- Please introduce yourself to your clubmates!

The South Carolina Division Qualifying Tournament to the 2018 USA FENCING SUMMER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS & JULY CHALLENGE

will be held

Sat., April 14, 2018

at

GLENFOREST SCHOOL GYM—

1041 HARBOR DR.

WEST COLUMBIA, SC 29169

Qualifying events include:

- ◆ **Men's and Women's Div II & Div III
Foil, Epee, Saber, combined with Vets**
(Div II and Div III include fencers classified
C, D, E, & U, birth year 2004 or earlier.
"Vets" have birth year 1978 or earlier.)
- ◆ **Youth 14** (birth years 2003-2006)

***PRE-REGISTRATION & PAYMENT
REQUIRED by APRIL 8, 2018***

[https://askfred.net/Events/moreInfo.php?
tournament_id=39919](https://askfred.net/Events/moreInfo.php?tournament_id=39919)

***Fun local tournament regardless of your
plans to attend US Nationals.***

(Official USA Fencing sanctioned event)

USA Fencing SC Division Annual Meeting & elections
to be held after events conclude or at 4:00 PM,
whichever is later.

**Fencers upgrading from Noncompetitive to Competitive
membership in USA Fencing for the first time — your
Competitive Memberships extend through July 31, 2019,
a \$70 savings next season.**

(Please pre-register but pay the upgrade after April 1.)

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Kahn JCC & Seven Oaks Park: Classes meet year round. Fees are month to month.

Classes begin promptly at 6:30 pm. Please arrive early, and be READY and SUITED UP. Group instruction is provided for foil and epee. We are working on drills that are valuable to practice for all levels, foil & epee. **There may be adjustments of class times to accommodate all ages, levels, & weapons. Feedback welcome!** Pre-class bouts at Seven Oaks Park may begin at 6:00 pm for those interested. **Individual lessons available at both sites. Contact Jane for info and to schedule.** Observers and new fencers welcome. (We do need a week's advance notice for those enrolling in order to arrange an individualized Intro/Overview for you.)

Kahn JCC site: Fees are month to month. **Our CFC class meets Tu's & Th's 6:30-7:30 PM. More bouts time is available until 8:45 PM. April fencing fees are due Tu, Apr 3, or Th, Apr 5.** (Checks payable to "Kahn JCC" please.)



CFC/JCC combined fee:

Once a week fencers: \$75/month (Tu-only or Th-only) **Twice a week fencers: \$95/month.** (Each additional family member pays \$70/month for once a week or \$85/month for twice a week.)

JCC members discounted fee: Once a week: \$65/month (Tu only or Th only). **Twice a week: \$80/month** (plus the relevant monthly JCC membership fee). Each additional fencing member of family pays same JCC member-discount rate.

JCC Membership is not required. New JCC members who join to fence pay no joining fee and receive a significant promotional discount off

their JCC membership their first year. (Memberships for fencers are \$40 /month for individuals; \$70/month for families.) Additional categories of memberships are available for Single Parent-Child, Couples, Senior Couple, etc. Free babysitting is available for JCC members during workouts. The JCC will provide additional information about various categories of memberships and programs. <http://www.jcccolumbia.org/> **CFC offers a discount for collegiate fencers.**

Seven Oaks Park site: Fees are month to month. Classes meet on Weds. **Dues are due on Wed, Apr 4.** (Checks, credit card, or cash payable at front desk. Please arrive early to handle your account at the desk.) <http://www.icrc.net/seven-oaks-park> **CFC offers a discount for collegiate fencers.**

CFC/Seven Oaks Park combined fee:

\$75 per month

(Each additional member of family: \$70.)

6:00 – 6:30 PM Open Fencing (Bouting)

6:30 – 7:30 PM Class

7:30—8:45 PM Additional bouts



DROP IN Fees per visit at Seven Oaks Park or the JCC: Local fencers not paying at either site may drop in to either site for \$20 per visit. If you are a 2/week fencer at one site, you may drop in to our other site for \$5 per visit. Once a week fencers may drop in to the other site for \$10 per visit.

You must be a current USA Fencing member at least at the noncompetitive (\$10/yr.) membership level to participate in all CFC programs. CFC is an Insured Member Club of USA Fencing.

You can join or renew either at the club or online at <https://member.usfencing.org/>

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FOR OUR COMPETITIVE (and soon-to-be competitive) MEMBERS:

How Do I Find Out About Tournaments? Upcoming tournaments and clinics in SC, NC, & GA and around the country can be found at <http://askFRED.net/> (FRED is an acronym for Fencing Results and Events Database). Be sure to check "AskFRED" regularly as events are frequently added and cancelled. North American Cups and Nationals are listed on the USA Fencing website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat, Apr 14, 2018 SC Division Div 2, 3, Vet, and Y14 Qualifying Tournament to Summer Nationals. https://askfred.net/Events/moreInfo.php?tournament_id=39919 Preregistration required by Apr 8, 2018. Location: Glenforest School, West Columbia. Summer Nationals & July Challenge will be held in St. Louis June 28-July 7. <http://www.usafencing.org/2018-national-championships-and-july-challenge>

Fri-Mon, Apr 20-23, 2018. US Division 1 National Championships and April NAC, Richmond, VA <http://www.usafencing.org/2018-april-championships-and-nac> Venue: Greater Richmond Convention Ctr, 403 N 3rd St, Richmond, VA 23219. Events Contested: **DV1/DV1TM & Wheelchair Championships; Also DV2/DV3/ VET/VET Age NAC Plus Vet80 and over Exhibition.** (Many equipment vendors will be present.) Spectators welcome.

Sat-Sun, Apr 21 -22. Spring Fling 2018. Augusta Fencers' Club. Augusta, GA. https://askfred.net/Events/whoIsComing.php?tournament_id=40074 Mixed Epee; Mixed Foil; E&Under Mixed Foil, Y14, Y12, & Y10 Mixed Foil.

Many more events are posted on AskFred.

Where Do I Find a copy of the RULEBOOK? Knowing the rules helps you as a fencer, not just as a referee. The Aug 1, 2016 Rulebook is the most current, except for the rule change in foil noted below. <http://www.fencingofficials.org/blog/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/2016-USA-Fencing-Rules.pdf>

FOIL RULE CHANGE (January 2018): It is once again allowed to advance the shoulder of the non-sword arm in front of the shoulder of the sword arm (OK to reverse shoulders), so long as one does not cover or substitute target with the non-weapon arm, nor use it to deflect or trap the opponent's blade.

Coordinating travel: If you have car space available, or need transportation, please let me or others in the club know.

Coaching at Competitions: If you would like coaching at upcoming competitions, please contact Jane preferably a month ahead of the event.

Jane will be refereeing the US Div 1 National Championships and April NAC in Richmond.

Note: Not all events listed on AskFred are sanctioned (approved) events by USA Fencing and its divisions. Sanctioned events follow USA Fencing rules, are insured through our national governing body, and permit earning classifications according to the strength of the event and final results of the fencers. To enter sanctioned USA Fencing competitions, you must be a 'competitive' member of USA Fencing and have regulation clothing and regulation electric equipment. **Please contact Jane if you have questions about ordering equipment, or entering competitions, e.g., which events might be appropriate for you.**



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CFC CLUB INFORMATION

GET-TOGETHERS: Impromptu. None pre-scheduled this month.

SIGN-IN SHEET: Please remember to sign-in both at the Kahn JCC and Seven Oaks Park ! All names, FIRST AND LAST, are to be PRINTED and LEGIBLE! (This includes Parents and Guests.) *This complies with our facilities' policies and requirements.* (We will enjoy "penalty brownies" from those who forget!)

CLOTHING SAFETY REMINDERS: *Legs, ankles, and torso must be fully covered.*

Long pants with socks, or knickers with long socks are always required for fencing involving any bladework drills and bouting. No holes, shorts, sandals, crocs, or other open shoes or boots are appropriate. Shirts must be long enough to cover your torso. YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO FENCE IN SHORTS OR SANDALS. Safety comes first. (Our facilities are air conditioned.)

POLICY REMINDER: No CFC equipment may leave the Kahn JCC or Seven Oaks Park.

USA FENCING MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT: All participants at CFC practices must be at least "non-competitive" USA Fencing Members. **(New members who join on or after April 1, 2018—your memberships are valid through July 31, 2019. If you upgrade to Competitive membership for the first time on or after April 1, your Competitive level membership will be valid through July 31, 2019!)** See current membership list here: <https://member.usfencing.org/search/members>



If you join or renew online, please provide verification of your membership to Jane. **Your USA Fencing membership must be current to participate!**

NEW FENCERS? Know anyone who might be interested in learning to fence? **New fencers (youth and adults) are welcome to start throughout the year.** No experience or equipment is necessary. Please invite your friends who might be interested in fencing to contact us. There is no fee to observe. We do need a **week's advance notice for those enrolling**, in order to arrange an individualized Intro/Overview for you.

You are welcome to join us at either of our locations!



Our Wednesday Club site is **Seven Oaks Park**
200 Leisure Lane
Columbia, SC 29210
<http://www.icrc.net/seven-oaks-park>

Best en gardes,

Jane

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Our Tuesday and Thursday Club site is the **Katie and Irwin Kahn Jewish Community Center**
306 Flora Drive, Columbia, SC 29223.
<http://www.jcccolumbia.org/>

(If you no longer wish to receive the CFC monthly newsletter, please contact me, and I will remove your name from our mailing list.)