

COLUMBIA FENCERS' CLUB NEWSLETTER

Happy Holidays to all our CFC Fencers & Friends,

No fencing: Tues, Wed, Th, Dec. 25, 26, 27, 2018. Fees adjusted for Dec:

Twice/wk: Reduced from \$95 to \$70; (JCC members: Reduced from \$80 to \$60.)

Once/wk: Reduced from \$75 to \$55; (JCC members: reduced from \$65 to \$48.)

No Fencing on Tues, January 1st! But January 2019 has five Tuesdays, so one to spare!

Welcome Kimberly, and welcome back Cole and Jacob!

FIELD TRIP? North American Cup (NAC) (Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon) January 4-7, 2019 in Charlotte!

Men's & Women's Foil, Epee, & Saber

Division I, Junior, Senior Team, & Wheelchair

<https://www.usafencing.org/2019-jan-nac>

**Venue: Charlotte Convention Center
501 S College St.
Charlotte, NC 28202**

Spectators: Please see https://www.usafencing.org/news_article/show/951691

for info on either free or low \$5/day ticket price.

If there's interest, we can organize a group. I'm happy to offer information and/or serve as a coach/mentor.

Equipment vendors will be present.

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JO Qualifiers for the SC Division of USA Fencing to be held in West Columbia

Sunday, Dec 2 is the deadline to register for the Junior Olympics Qualifying Tournament (JO's) from the SC Division of USA Fencing. This tournament will be held at Glenforest School in West Columbia on Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018. Preregistration is required. https://askfred.net/Events/moreInfo.php?tournament_id=42346

"JO's" are the USA Fencing National Championships for Under 16 ("Cadet") and Under 19 ("Junior") age groups in the US. Eligible birth years for JO's this season are 1999-2005 for Juniors and 2002-2005 for Cadets. (You may sign up both for cadet and junior qualifying events if age eligible.) Those qualifying from SC are eligible to fence at JO's in Denver, Colorado, Feb 15-18, 2019. (That information is at <https://www.usafencing.org/2019-feb-jos>)

This qualifying event is a wonderful tournament for all our Cadet and Junior competitors to enter regardless of intent to qualify or attend JOs. USA Fencing competitive membership is required plus regulation uniform and electric gear. If your obstacle to fencing this tournament is equipment, please contact Jane immediately.

If three or fewer fencers are preregistered by the deadline on Dec 2, those who registered will be the Qualifiers from the SC Division, and the event will not be fenced. Register now!



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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. December fencing fees are due Tu, Dec 4 or Th, Dec 6.** (Checks payable to "Kahn JCC" please, or credit card at desk.)

CFC/JCC combined fee: (But see Dec fees, p.1)

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 2x/wk)

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. No Class: Dec 27.**

Seven Oaks Park site: Fees are month to month. Classes meet on Weds. **Dues are due on Wed., Dec 5.** (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: (But see Dec fees and schedule, p. 1. No class 12/26.)

\$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.

The new season began August 1, 2018. 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:

Upcoming 'local' events include:

Sun, Dec. 9 - The SC Junior Olympic Qualifier. Site is **Glenforest School in West Columbia.** **Preregistration is required; deadline is Sun, Dec 2.** See https://askfred.net/Events/moreInfo.php?tournament_id=42346 This is the qualifying event for SC fencers to the "Junior Olympics" called the "JO's" – the US National Championships for Cadet and Junior age fencers. The age eligibility chart is at <https://www.usafencing.org/age-classification-eligibility> . You are a **Cadet Fencer** if your birth year is **2002-2005**. You may fence **Junior** events if your birth year is **1999-2005**. Cadets may also fence in Junior events. The Junior Olympics are scheduled to be held February 15-18, 2019 in Denver, Colorado.

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. <https://www.usafencing.org/home>
The **2018-19 USA Regional Calendar** is at https://cdn3.sportngin.com/attachments/document/798e-1655472/2018-19_Regional_Event_Schedule.pdf

Where Do I Find a copy of the RULEBOOK? Knowing the rules helps you as a fencer, not just as a referee. The **AUGUST, 2018** Rulebook is the most current. <http://www.refereescommission.org/blog/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/2018-08-USA-Fencing-Rules.pdf>

How Do I arrange travel carpools or coaching?

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



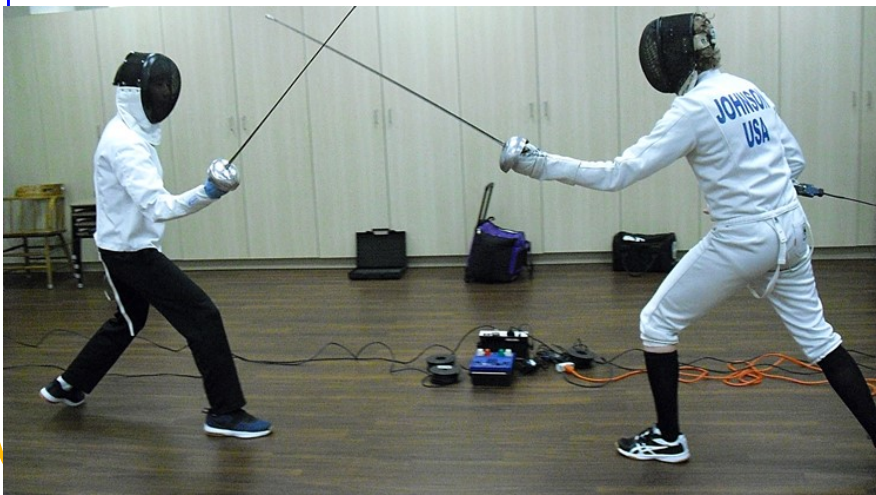
please let Jane

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

How Do I save on equipment costs? Often several fencers are placing equipment orders from the same company at nearly the same time. Let Jane or others know so you can combine orders and save on shipping. Also, fencers who have outgrown their gear may wish to sell it to younger fencers at a reduced price. Please write down a description of what you have including sizes, RH/LH, manufacturer/company, and sale price.

Sale: an almost new electric epee starter set: 1 electric epee, 1 body cord, Lg glove, epee mask, men's jacket (42), men's plastic chest protector, plastron (Lg), and red bag. If interested, contact Jane.

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 joined on or after April 1, 2018—your memberships are valid through July 31, 2019. If you upgraded to Competitive membership for the first time on or after April 1, your Competitive level membership is 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.)

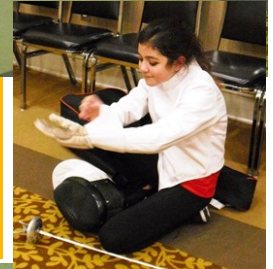
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See you at Fencing!



Have questions about ordering gear? Flyers available for electric and practice.



Foil is Best!