



VAFAs Competition Eligibility

Open Events

All fencers with full junior or senior VAFAs affiliation are eligible to enter.

All fencers with AFF affiliation are eligible to enter.

All fencers with a current FIE license are eligible to enter.

Novice Events

Fencers must have full Junior or Senior VAFAs affiliation, or Novice affiliation.

Fencers must have been fencing for no more than 2 years.

Junior Events

Fencers must have full junior or senior VAFAs affiliation, or novice affiliation.

Fencers must be aged under the age specified as of the 1st January that year.

Eg: U15 means they must be aged 14 or less on 01/01 in the year of competition.

Veteran Events

Fencers must have full senior VAFAs affiliation, or novice affiliation.

Fencers must be aged over 40 as of the 1st January that year.

School Events

Fencers must have full junior or senior VAFAs affiliation, or novice affiliation, or school fencer affiliation.

Fencers must be current school students.

Notes:

While all affiliated fencers may enter competitions, fencers are expected to be familiar with the competition rules, provide appropriate equipment and have sufficient skill to fence in a safe manner. The DT may, at their discretion, exclude any fencer they feel does not meet these requirements.

VAF A Competition Grading System

The following grading system is intended to group fencers of similar relative skill levels together both as a system of recognition of achievement for the fencers, and to enable graded competitions to achieve a reasonably level playing field that will be highly competitive.

The grading system is only intended to show a fencer's competitive skill relative to other fencers currently competing in VAF A graded competitions. It does not directly translate to or from grading systems in other states or countries. A fencer who has participated under another grading system may request a recommended grading from the VAF A executive.

Grading is determined only by skill demonstrated by success in national or state graded competition as outlined below.

This grading system does not take into account the age of fencers, how long they have been fencing for, how many competitions they have entered or how often they compete.

Once the criteria have been met the new grading applies immediately.

Once a grading is earned, it does not expire.

Grading is applied separately for each weapon.

Only results from competitions containing the minimum required number of entrants will be considered when determining grades.

Required numbers of entrants in competitions are:

State Competitions - 6

National Competitions - 16

All fencers are initially considered to be ungraded fencers, and remain ungraded until they have earned their grading by the methods outlined below, or have previously earned their grading by the criteria of the time.

ie: Gradings earned under the old system prior to the end of 2002 remain current.

A-grade

A fencer is considered to be an A-grade fencer if:

They have won or placed 2nd or 3rd in the 'A Tableau' of a state Open competition.

They have been placed in the top 8 of a national Open competition.

B-grade

A fencer is considered to be a B-grade fencer if:

They have won or placed 2nd or 3rd in the 'B Tableau' of a state Open competition.

C-grade

A fencer is considered to be a C-grade fencer if:

They have won or placed 2nd or 3rd in the 'C-Tableau' of a state Open competition.