

Georgia Division Points Lists

This document describes how the Georgia Points Lists are created beginning with the 2019-20 season.

The Division maintains points lists for Georgia Fencers and Georgia Clubs using points earned in Designated Georgia Events (see the “Definitions” section for the meaning of those terms).

Seven individual points lists are maintained for each weapon.

- Senior fencers, points earned in all designated senior events
 - Division I – fencers currently classified A, B or C
 - D & E – fencers currently classified D or E
 - Unrated – fencers with no classification
- Veteran fencers, points earned in all designated veteran events
- Youth fencers, points earned in all designated youth events
 - Y10 – fencers aged 10 or younger at the end of December in the current season
 - Y12 – fencers aged 11 or 12 at the end of December in the current season
 - Y14 – fencers aged 13 or 14 at the end of December in the current season

Note that veteran and youth fencers who have also competed in senior events may appear on one of the senior lists (with points earned in senior events) and may also appear in either a youth list or the veteran list.

Note also that senior fencers who earn a classification during the season, may move to a different points list and take with them the points they earned before the classification change.

A club points list and a table of medals earned by clubs are also maintained for each weapon and for all weapons combined.

Definitions

Georgia Fencer

A Georgia Fencer is a member of USA Fencing whose division is listed as Georgia in the membership list. The current list can be downloaded from the USA Fencing website at member.usfencing.org/search/members.

Georgia Club

A Georgia Club is a member club of USA Fencing that is based in Georgia. You can find a list on the USA Fencing website by going to member.usfencing.org/search/clubs and choosing “Georgia” in the “Division” box.

Designated Georgia Event

Each season, the Board of the Georgia Division in conjunction with the Georgia area clubs designates several tournaments as “points tournaments”. There are three levels of points tournament: Regular, Grand Prix and Championship (see “Calculating points”). Points tournaments are identified in the calendar on the division’s website at gafencing.org/schedule. All events at points tournaments that meet **all** the following requirements are Designated Georgia Events:

- The age group for the event is Youth, Senior or Veteran (not Cadet or Junior).
- The classification restriction for the event is one of the following:
 - Open (all fencer classifications are allowed)
 - Division II (C & Under)
 - Division III (D & Under)
- The event is one where classification can be awarded (not a team event, unsanctioned event or a one-touch event).
- The event was actually fenced (this excludes, for example, events where only one fencer shows up).

Procedure

Source of results

During the week following the event, results are downloaded from the website where they were posted. This is usually AskFRED: (askfred.net/Results/past.php?).

Calculating points

In each Designated Georgia Event, points are awarded to the top 40% of fencers (rounded up to a whole number).

The number of points awarded for each place in each type of points tournament are shown in the following table (but keep in mind that fencers must finish in the top 40% in order to be awarded any points).

Place	Regular Points	Grand Prix Points	Championship Points
1	32	48	80
2	26	39	65
3	20	30	50
4-8	14	21	35
9-16	8	12	20
17-32	4	6	10
33-64	2	3	5
65+	1	1.5	2.5

Assigning points to a fencer

The fencers listed in the results file are matched with the list of Georgia Fencers, and any points earned are awarded to each Georgia Fencer. The primary method for matching is to use the USA Fencing membership number listed in the results file. If that number is missing or incorrect, every effort is made to match fencers based on their name (preferably an exact match, but variations due to misspelling or the use of nicknames and initials are also considered).

Assigning points to a club

The points awarded to each Georgia Fencer are also credited to the Georgia Club the fencer was representing in that event; this is the club listed in the results file. If the fencer is listed as “Unattached” but is affiliated with a Georgia Club in the USA Fencing membership list, the club in the membership list receives the points.

Club affiliation displayed in the individual points lists

The individual points lists include the fencer’s **current** club affiliation as shown in the USA Fencing membership list. This is for information only, and does not imply that this club received all (or any) of the points awarded to this fencer. The reason for this is that a fencer may have changed clubs during the season and the points remain with the club he or she represented in each tournament (as shown in the results files). If the fencer’s club is not a Georgia Club, no club affiliation is shown in the points list.

Age group for youth fencers

The fencer’s year of birth is shown in the USA Fencing membership list. The age group for youth fencers is based on their age at the end of December in the current season.

Membership changes

The points lists are completely recalculated after each tournament. When fencers or clubs first appear in the membership list, they are credited with any points earned in earlier tournaments. This is done to make sure that points are not lost when there is a delay in updating the membership list.

Frequently asked questions

Individuals

Why do I not appear in the individual points list?

Points are earned by a Georgia Fencer finishing in the top 40% of a Designated Georgia Fencer

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Georgia Club

A Georgia Club is a member club of USA Fencing that is based in Georgia. You can find a list on the USA Fencing website by going to member.usfencing.org/search/clubs and choosing “Georgia” in the “Division” box.

Designated Georgia Event. Reasons why you may not appear include:

- *You are not included in the most recent USA Fencing membership list.* The membership list (at member.usfencing.org/search/members) is updated frequently, but if you joined or renewed your membership very recently, you may not be on the list.
- *The USA Fencing membership list shows your division as something other than Georgia.* If you qualify to be a member of the Georgia division (generally because you live or go to college in Georgia), you can ask USA Fencing to change your division.
- *We can't find you in the membership list.* If the results file from AskFRED includes your member number, we use that to look you up in the membership list; that won't work if the number in AskFRED is missing, out of date or incorrect. In that case, we look up your name in the membership list; that may not work if your name in the membership list doesn't match the name in AskFRED (we try to look for variations of your name, but we might miss one).
- *You have not earned any points.* See the next question for details.

The points list is recalculated after each event. If you were missing from the list for one of the reasons above, but that is corrected (e.g. the membership list is brought up to date, or you change your division to Georgia), you will be credited with the points you earned before the correction.

I recently competed in a tournament; why did my number of points stay the same?

Points are only earned by finishing in the top 40% in a Designated Georgia Event. Possible reasons for your number of points staying the same include:

- *The tournament was not a “points tournament”.* Points tournaments are listed on the division's website at gafencing.org/schedule.
- *The age restriction for the event was not one for which points are awarded.* Points are awarded at Youth, Senior or Veteran events but not Cadet or Junior events.
- *The classification restriction of the event was not one for which points are awarded.* Points are only awarded at events that are Open (fencers with any classification), Division II (C & Under) or Division III (D & Under).
- *The event was not one that can award classifications.* For example, points are not awarded at team, unsanctioned, or one-touch events.
- *The event was not fenced.* For example, if only one fencer shows up, that fencer may be listed as the winner, but will not be awarded any points.
- *You didn't finish in the top 40%.* Points are only awarded to the top 40% of fencers in the event. Multiply the total number of fencers by 40% and round up to a whole number; if that number is less than your place in the event, you are not awarded points.

Clubs

Why is my club not listed next to my name in the points list?

The club listed next to the fencer's name is the Georgia Club that the fencer is currently affiliated with according to the USA Fencing membership list. Reasons for the club name being blank include:

- *The USA Fencing membership list does not show the fencer to be affiliated with a Georgia Club.* Either no club is listed, or the club is not a current member club of USA fencing based in Georgia.

You can correct this by having USA Fencing list a Georgia Club as your affiliated club.

Why is my club is not being credited with the points I earn?

The points you earn in an event are credited to the Georgia Club that you represented **in that event**. This is the club that AskFRED lists as your **primary** club (unfortunately, AskFRED results do not include your secondary club). Reasons why your points were not awarded to what you consider to be your club include:

- *Your primary club listed in the AskFRED results is not a USA Fencing member club based in Georgia.*
- *Your primary club listed in the AskFRED results is not the club you consider to be "your" club.* When you preregister on AskFRED, make sure your club affiliation is correct.
- *You recently changed clubs.* The points you earned while representing your old club are not transferred to your new club.

Age groups

Why am I listed in the Y12 points list when I only compete in Y14 events?

We use your year of birth (as shown in the membership list) to decide which youth points list you appear in. Reasons why the points list you are in doesn't match the youth events you competed in include:

- *You were "fencing up".* There are reasons why you may compete in events for older age groups, but you will only appear in the points list for your age group (it will include points earned in all youth events).
- *Your birth year in the membership list is incorrect.* You should ask USA Fencing to correct this.

Why am I listed in both a Youth and a Senior points list?

Fencers in the Y14 age group (and some in lower age groups) can fence in Senior events as well as youth events.

- You will appear in the youth points list for your birth year with points earned in all youth events.
- You will appear in the senior points list for your classification with points earned in all senior events.

I am aged 40 or older, why are my points not listed in the Veteran points list?

The veteran points lists only include points earned in veteran events (there have been few veteran events in Georgia in recent seasons).

- You will appear in the veteran points list with points earned in all veteran events.
- You will appear in the senior points list for your classification with points earned in all senior events.