



FORTUNE FENCING · MONROVIA'S EPEE CLUB

FORTUNE GAZETTE

Results, news and what's next for Fortune families

MONTHLY ISSUE

OCTOBER 2026

COVERING SEPTEMBER

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RESULTS

FOUR WINS, FOUR NEW RATINGS

September 2026

September was a big month for Fortune families. 30 of our fencers posted 82 epee results at 5 tournaments, from our own Fortune ROC in Ontario to Fort Worth, Colorado, La Jolla and Las Vegas. Allison Yip won Cadet Women's Epee at the Desert Duel and earned her A26. Isabelle Wong won Y-12 Women's Epee twice, in Fort Worth and Las Vegas, and Lucas Parra won Div II Men's Epee at the Air Force ROC.

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TOURNAMENTS

30

FENCERS

82

EPEE RESULTS

4

FIRST PLACES

4

NEW RATINGS

PODIUM BOARD ALL EVENTS EPEE · PLACE / FIELD

1ST

Allison YipCadet Women's Epee
DESERT DUEL · A26

1/68

PLACE / FIELD

1ST

Isabelle WongY-12 Women's Epee
DESERT DUEL · C26

1/56

PLACE / FIELD

1ST

Isabelle WongY-12 Women's Epee
NORTH TEXAS

1/48

PLACE / FIELD

1ST

Lucas ParraDiv II Men's Epee
AIR FORCE ROC

1/31

PLACE / FIELD

2ND

Matthew HwangY-14 Men's Epee
FORTUNE ROC

2/107

PLACE / FIELD

2ND

John LiY-12 Men's Epee
FORTUNE ROC

2/85

PLACE / FIELD

2ND

Isabelle WongY-10 Women's Epee
DESERT DUEL

2/28

PLACE / FIELD

2ND

Alston YangY-8 Men's Epee
FORTUNE ROC

2/13

PLACE / FIELD

3RD

Kyle WongY-12 Men's Epee
DESERT DUEL

3/80

PLACE / FIELD

3RD

Allison YipY-14 Women's Epee
FORTUNE ROC

3/72

PLACE / FIELD

New ratings earned: Allison Yip **A26**, Matthew Hwang **B26**, Isabelle Wong **C26**, Matteo Taverna **E26**.

Send us your photos: iMessage or text (626) 404-4098, or email fortunefencing1@gmail.com.
Include name, tournament, event and place.



RESULTS

MORE TOP-12 FINISHES

Place / field, all epee

FENCER	EVENT	TOURNAMENT	PLACE
Kyle Wong	Y-12 Men's Epee	North Texas	5 / 60
Allison Yip	Y-14 Women's Epee	Desert Duel	10 / 85
Allison Yip	Div IA Women's Epee	BladeRunner	10 / 69
Allison Yip	Div IA Women's Epee	Fortune ROC	10 / 66
Matthew Hwang	Junior Men's Epee	Fortune ROC	11 / 125
Jenson Zhang	Y-12 Men's Epee	Fortune ROC	11 / 85
Lucas Parra	Junior Men's Epee	Air Force ROC	11 / 45
Laurance Lingvay	Veteran Men's Epee	Fortune ROC	11 / 29
Matthew Hwang	Junior Men's Epee	BladeRunner	12 / 83
Lucas Parra	Cadet Men's Epee	Desert Duel	12 / 65

Also fencing for Fortune in September: Sedra Baker, Brielle Cubillas, Ethan Escala, Theo Ferriere, James Gallivan, Mark Kruger, Ryan Lew, Carlie Li, Chloe Li, Ariel Liang, Naomi Lichtenfeld, Bryan Lin, Zihao Liu, Caffrey Mah, Matteo Taverna, Elizabeth Wang, Kayleigh Wu, Maggie Qiqi Yang, David Yi, Yulin Zeng, Mason Zheng.

Fortune ROC Ontario, Sep 5-7 · **North Texas** Roundup, Fort Worth, Sep 5-7 · **Air Force ROC** Colorado, Sep 12-13 ·

BladeRunner La Jolla, Sep 19-20 · **Desert Duel** (BBFC Duel in the Desert) Las Vegas, Sep 25-27. Results:

fencingtracker.com/club/100039316/Fortune/results

ON DECK

UPCOMING EVENTS

Region 4, national and our own

DATES	TOURNAMENT	CITY	DEADLINES	REG. #
Oct 9-12	October NAC Y14, Cadet, Div I, Para	Orlando, FL	Late entry to Oct 8	12312
Oct 23-25	AFM Super Regional incl. Veteran	Santa Clara, CA	Late to Oct 15, triple fee	12097
Nov 7-8	3rd Annual BBFC RYC & Y8	Las Vegas, NV	Entry Oct 24; late Nov 6	12107
Nov 13-15	RYC/RJC of the Rockies	Denver, CO	Entry Nov 1; late Nov 11	12113
Nov 20-23	November NAC Cadet, Junior, Div I	Columbus, OH	Late entry to Nov 19	12316
Dec 4-6	December SJCC Cadet, Junior	Milwaukee, WI	Late entry to Dec 3	12428
Dec 11-13	Nick Itkin Cup SYC/Vet ROC	Palm Springs, CA	Entry Nov 16; late Dec 10	12143
Jan 8-11	Junior Olympics Cadet, Junior	Oklahoma City	Opens Oct 7; reg. fee Nov 11	JO page
Jan 16-17	Elite Cup RYC/RJCC	San Diego, CA	Entry Dec 28; late Jan 14	12232
Mar 27-28	Fortune RJCC/RYC 2027	Ontario, CA	Opens Mar 1; entry Mar 15	12281

Register (deadlines checked Oct 6): member.usafencing.org/details/tournaments/ + Reg. #. **JO:** usafencing.org/2027-junior-olympics-january-nac



USA FENCING

USA FENCING NEWS

Rules and national events

RULES

The P-yellow card is gone

Since Oct. 1, USA Fencing events run under the latest FIE rules, and the change fencers will notice first is to non-combativity. A minute of fencing without a touch used to bring a P-yellow warning, then a P-red with a penalty touch, then a P-black that ends the bout. The warning is gone: the first minute without a touch now goes straight to P-red.

The minute still restarts after every touch and at each new period. In a patient epee bout, that first card now costs a touch, so talk it through before the next tournament. Safety rules tighten too: masks need the back safety strap, and at competitions, warm-up bouts require full gear and lessons require a plastron. The October NAC (Oct. 9-12) is the first national event under the new rules.

Source: USA Fencing, Sep 20, 2026. usafencing.org/news/2026/september/20/p-yellow-card-eliminated-at-usa-fencing-events-beginning-oct-1

NATIONAL EVENTS

NACs split into Elite and Challenger tiers

The new national structure arrives this fall. At the October NAC, Division I and Cadet events with more than 168 entries split into Elite and Challenger tiers. At the November NAC in Columbus, the split covers Cadet, Junior and Division I. Elite is capped at 112 fencers, filled from USA Fencing's new Unified Points List, and everyone else fences Challenger.

Fields are set 15 days out (Nov. 5 for November), but Elite spots that open later can be filled until 5 p.m. the night before, and only by fencers who opted in to moving up, so check your choice on the registration page. For October, USA Fencing also added waitlisted fencers to Division I Men's Epee, and top-ranked fencers get an early entry window starting with February NAC registration.

Source: USA Fencing, Sep 19, 2026. usafencing.org/news/2026/september/19/how-the-event-split-works-what-to-know-before-the-october-nac

WANT TO REFEREE? UPCOMING REFEREE CLINICS

Check listing for date

9:00 AM-4:30 PM
PT

Referee Seminar with Charles Astudillo

Where: Online (Zoom); instructor based in San Diego, CA. **Organizer:** Charles Astudillo, USA Fencing Certified Referee Instructor. \$75. Registration closes the day before; see listing. Includes observation at tournaments where he referees.

Register: askfred.net/clinics/2e559dad-3362-4609-b6a9-c03917715286

A seminar is step one toward a USA Fencing referee rating, followed by an online exam (90% to pass) and a practical at a tournament. Steps: socialdivision.org/become-a-ref and usafencing.org/become-a-referee. Listings checked on AskFRED and the SoCal Division calendar, Oct 6.



USA FENCING

MORE FROM USA FENCING

Junior Olympics entry

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

Verify nationality before you register for JO

Junior Olympics, Jan. 8-11 in Oklahoma City, is the first national championship that requires nationality verification. Fencers entering JO Cadet or Junior, the Division I Championships, or Summer Nationals (Y10 through Veteran) must be verified before they can register. NACs are not affected. Championships are open to U.S. citizens and green card holders.

If your fencer uploaded a passport for age verification last season, you may already be done, so log in and check first. If not, go to member.usafencing.org, then My Account, Edit Profile, Nationality Verification, and upload a passport, birth certificate, certificate of citizenship or naturalization, or green card. A passport takes 5 to 10 minutes to clear; a birth certificate can take 60 to 90. JO entry opens Oct. 7 and regular fees end Nov. 11, so treat Nov. 11 as your real deadline.

Source: USA Fencing, Sep 28, 2026. usafencing.org/news/2026/september/28/nationality-verification-now-required-for-national-championship-events

REMINDERS

BEFORE YOU FENCE

Monthly dues

Dues are due by the 3rd of each month. A **\$25 late fee** applies to dues paid after the 3rd.

Private lessons

Call or text **(626) 404-4098**. Mon-Fri 2-8 PM, Sat 9 AM-3 PM. Cancel 24 hours ahead or the full fee applies. Lesson packs are valid 90 days and are not transferable.

Tournament strip coaching

Book strip coaching as early as you can: the earlier, the better. A **\$50 deposit**, due one week before the tournament, reserves your spot.

Open fencing

Mon and Wed, 7:00-8:30 PM: \$200 a month or \$30 a session. Full uniform required for open bouts and competitions.

NEXT FORTUNE EVENT
MAR 27-28
2027

Fortune RJCC/RYC

Ontario Convention Center, Ontario, CA. Registration opens **Mar 1**; entry deadline **Mar 15, 2027**. Register at usafencing.org (Reg. # 12281).



WORLD

AROUND THE EPEE WORLD

FIE and international

ASIAN GAMES

Comebacks and gold: epee shines in Japan

Epee delivered some of the best drama at the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games in Japan. On Sept. 22, South Korea's Song Se-ra won women's individual gold, beating Singapore's Kiria Tikanah Abdul Rahman 15-8. It was her first individual Asian Games title, two months after her second world title, and she earned it: 15-14 in the quarterfinal, then 15-14 in the semifinal after trailing 14-13.

Two days later, Japan's Koki Kano won the men's individual title over Kazakhstan's Kirill Prokhodov. Then Kazakhstan's men's team came back from 19-10 down to beat Korea 43-42 for team gold. The Kazakh fencers said they kept encouraging each other and got bolder with every attack. A lesson for every young epeeist: no lead is safe until the last touch.

Source: The Korea Herald, Sep 22; Xinhua, Sep 24; Olympic Council of Asia, Sep 27, 2026. koreaherald.com/article/10882607

FIE VETERAN WORLDS

Veteran Worlds open with epee in Tbilisi

The FIE Veteran World Championships run Oct. 9-17 at the Tbilisi Sea Plaza Expo Center in Georgia, with 1,277 athletes from 66 nations, and epee opens the program: men's individual epee Oct. 9-10, men's team Oct. 11, women's individual Oct. 12-13 and women's team Oct. 14. Team USA's epee squad includes West Coast fencers such as Mark Nixon (LA International Fencing, Vet-60) and Bruce Jugan (Santa Barbara Fencers Club, Vet-70).

The day before competition, the FIE hosts a roundtable on bringing former fencers back after 40, with a proposed handbook for building veteran programs, a gear-donation drive and a pilot for regional Veteran World Cups. For our veteran epeeists and fencing parents, the message is simple: it is never too late to fence.

Source: USA Fencing Vet Worlds page; FIE, Sep 24, 2026. usafencing.org/2026-vet-worlds · fie.org/news/1733

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