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## ALM Calendar

Sept 19, 26 – *Junior Jousts*

Oct 4 – *Fence for the Cure*

Oct 17 – *Junior Joust*

Oct 31 – *Junior Joust*

Nov 8-9 – *JO quals*

## SSCC events

Oct 25-26 – *Longhorn Open*

Nov 15-16 – *Houston Open*

Jan 31- Feb 1 – *ROSE*

## NAC events

*Oct 10-13–Div2/Cadet/Y14*

Overland Park, KS



region to complete all three sessions in one summer. Trena is a junior at Caddo Magnet High School.

## New and Improved!

### *Coaches College provides training for our area instructors*

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado – Three Ark-La-Miss athletes attended the USFA Coaches College this summer. David Williams (Ridgeland Fencing Club) and Richard Jones (Clinton Fencing Club) completed their level two certifications in foil. Trena Edwards (Shreveport Fencing Club) attended all three sessions of the college, and successfully completed her level 1 certification.

At just 16, Trena became the youngest certified level 1 coach in the U.S., and she is the first female in our

## Junior Olympic Qualifier

The qualifier for the 2004 Junior Olympic Championships and the 2004 U19 Team National Championships will be held in Shreveport, LA, on November 8-9, 2003. The schedule of events and entry form can be found on the insert in this newsletter as well as on the internet at: [www.almdiv.org](http://www.almdiv.org).

Athletes should register for either or both events by October 25, 2003. Registrations after this time will be accepted at a penalty of 1.5 times the registration fee. Walk up entries will be assessed a **DOUBLE ENTRY FEE**. Entries will be accepted online, by mail, fax, or phone. Payment is not necessary until you check in for the event. If an occasion arises that a fencer cannot attend, just a call to one of the officers to remove you from registration will do.

USFA member clubs wishing to field a team in the U19 Team Championships for the Division may enter more than one team in the championship, but all members of the team must be primary members of that club and have represented that club in a competition.

Junior Olympics will take place in Cleveland Ohio, February 13-16, 2004. Summer Nationals will be hosted in Charlotte, North Carolina.

## ALM Launches Qualifier Patches

The 2004 JO qualifiers will be the first to collect the brand new division qualifier patches. These patches will be awarded to all ALM members who qualify for Junior Olympics or USFA Summer Nationals. Each successive year an additional year can be added. The patches can be worn on non-weapon arm of jacket or saber fencers can put them on bags or warm ups.

## **Rose Condon Memorial 2004**

On January 31-February 1, 2004, Caddo Magnet Fencing Club and the Ark-La-Miss Division will host the fourth annual Rose Condon Memorial Fencing Tournament in Shreveport, LA. This is our division's designated Southwest Sectional Circuit Cup event.

Lots of special guests (referee and fencing) will be attending. There is a possibility of a referee clinic held in conjunction with the Rose. Check the Ark-La-Miss Division website at [www.almdiv.org](http://www.almdiv.org) for more details and updates.

## **USFA SANCTIONING**

In order for the USFA to sanction a tournament, there are certain criteria that must be met. First, the tournament must be advertised, easily accomplished by submitting info to the division or section web pages, but also by mailing to club contacts, or inserting in a division newsletter all of the above are free. Posting a flyer in your own club or on your own club website does not constitute adequate notice for area fencers; however a link to your club web from either section or division web is fine.

Secondly, the tournament must conform to USFA rules. In local competitions (not championships) proper equipment is required. Mask checks shall be performed. All competitions shall be held with electrical equipment unless specifically identified as "non-electric" in the tournament advertisement.

Finally, complete tournament results must be submitted to the secretary of the division by email, fax, US mail, or hand delivered. These results must include names of competitors (as appear on USFA membership,) birth years, divisions, classifications and final places.

## **ALMDC**

Bids are being accepted for the Ark-La-Miss Division Circuit. Please contact Evelyn Scarborough to place your bid for a one, two, three, or more event tournament.

**Newsletter Update:** The Ark-La-Miss Division officers voted to reduce the number of newsletters to two per season, one in fall and one in spring. Special exceptions will be made for notifications of special meetings of the membership. Next deadline is Feb 5, 2004. Please send us your club news (pics too!) which we can include in the news on the web as well as the newsletter.

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