



2004 Divisional Championship and Qualifiers  
April 3-4, 2004

**HOST CLUB:** Clinton Fencing Club  
**Venue/LOCATION:** Baptist Healthplex 601-925-7900  
 102 Clinton Parkway  
 Clinton, MS 39056  
 On the campus of MS College Exit 36 I 20

**REGISTRATION DEADLINES**  
 Normal Registration will be cut off on March 19, 2004 at 5 p.m.  
 Registration between then and April 1 will be double.  
**Registration after April 1 will be tripled.**

**REGISTRATION FEES:**  
 First Event: \$20.00  
 Additional Event: \$5.00  
 Team Event: \$30.00

Pre-registration will be accepted online at [www.almdiv.org](http://www.almdiv.org), by email, USPS mail, or fax (318) 424-4737. **Failure to pre-register by one of these methods, or verification that it has been received could result in a late fee.**

**2004 Divisional Championship**  
**Schedule of events**

Times will be listed after March 19, at close of regular registration.

\*\* TEAM EVENTS WILL NOT BE CONTESTED IF THERE ARE LESS THAN 3 CLUBS PRESENT IN THAT EVENT

**Saturday April 3, 2004**

- Senior Men's Epee
- Senior Women's Epee
- Senior Men's Sabre
- Senior Women's Sabre
- U16 Women's Foil
- U16 Women's Sabre
- Y14 Men's Epee
- Y14 Women's Epee
- Y14 Men's Foil
- Y14 Men's Sabre
- Team Men's Sabre\*\*
- Team Women's Foil\*\*
- Team Mens Foil\*\*

**Sunday April 4, 2004**

- Senior Men's Foil
- Senior Women's Foil
- U16 Men's Sabre
- U16 Men's Foil
- U16 Men's Epee
- U16 Women's Epee
- Y14 Women's Foil
- Y14 Women's Sabre
- Team Men's Epee\*\*
- Team Women's Epee\*\*
- Team Women's Sabre\*\*

**AGE RULES**

**SENIOR – Born 1991 or before**  
**U16 – Born 1988-1991**  
**Y14 – Born 1989-1992**  
**TEAM – Born 1990 or before**

**2004 Divisional Championship  
Rules, Guidelines and Procedures**

All fencers in the 2004 Divisional Championships must be **CURRENT COMPETITIVE** members of the USFA and be *citizens of the USA, or have attained permanent resident status*. If you are not a current member or cannot verify your membership, you will have to join at the Divisionals in order to be allowed to fence. All fencers will be required to sign a waiver of liability which is also available on the division website. **Fencers under the age of 18 will not be allowed to compete if their waiver is not signed by a parent or legal guardian.** Full equipment checks will be performed. Please arrive early to accommodate this. A fencer whose equipment fails on strip will be given a yellow card.

**NEW QUALIFIER RULES ARE IN EFFECT:**

Starting with this Divisional Championship, the USFA has altered the rules for qualifying. The new USFA policy is as follows:

- In order to qualify for Division II, a fencer must:
  - Place in the top 25% of the 2004 Division Championship; or
  - Qualify for the U16 National Championship; or
  - Qualify for the Division I-A or U19 National Championships.
- In order to qualify for Division II, a fencer must:
  - Place in the top 25% of the total number of D's, E's and U's in the 2004 Division Championship; or
  - Qualify for the U16 National Championship; or
  - Qualify for the Division I-A or U19 National Championships.
- In order to qualify for Under-16, a fencer must:
  - Place in the top 25% of the 2004 Divisional Under-16 Championship.
- In order to qualify for Y-14, a fencer must:
  - Place in the top 25% of the 2004 Divisional Y14 Championship.

**2004 Division Business Meeting**

At the conclusion of the events on Saturday, April 3, 2004, the 2004 Annual Business Meeting will be held. Business matters will be discussed and voted on including bylaws amendments and election of officers. A tentative agenda is attached.

If you are unable to attend, you may appoint a proxy to vote in your stead at the meeting. Your proxy form should include your name, date of birth, who you are appointing as your proxy, his or her date of birth and both your and their signatures. The Division Officers reserve the right to exclude any proxies that do not meet the minimal requirements. Proxy forms must be presented to the division secretary before the close of the final fencing event for the day.

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**PROXY VOTE**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned eligible voting member of the Ark-La-Miss Division of the US Fencing Association, do release my power to vote in the 2004 Ark-La-Miss Division Meeting on April 3, 2004 in Clinton, Mississippi, and do assign and appoint \_\_\_\_\_, an eligible member of the Ark-La-Miss Division of the US Fencing Association who has established membership and attained the age of majority as of the first day of February of the 2003-2004 fencing season, to vote in my stead.

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINTED NAME OF USFA MEMBER

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF BIRTH

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF USFA MEMBER

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE SIGNED

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINTED NAME OF PROXY VOTER

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF BIRTH

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF PROXY VOTER

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DATE SIGNED

## **2004 Annuals Division Business Meeting Agenda**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Old Business
- III. New Business
  - A. Elimination of the Ark-La-Miss Division Circuit and Divisional Point Standings.
  - B. Discussion on difficulty of communication between officers and clubs.
  - C. Proposed Bylaw Amendment #1: "To amend Article IV of the ALM Bylaws to strike and remove the office and position of the division circuit chair, and to replace this position with a second vice-chair for tournament coordination as a fifth voting member of the executive committee."
  - D. Proposed Bylaw Amendment #2: "To amend Article IV of the ALM Bylaws to rename the office of vice-chair to vice-chair for club-division coordination."
  - E. Proposed Bylaw Amendment #3: "To amend Article IV of the ALM Bylaws to state that the vice-chair for tournament coordination would be second in the line of succession, behind the vice chair of club-division coordination if the office of the chair was vacated for any reason during the elected term."
  - F. Proposed Bylaw Amendment #4: "To add an article to the ALM Division Bylaws which states that a club should submit a request to the chair or secretary at least two weeks in advance of a tournament to have said event sanctioned. Failure to submit such a request in a timely manner will result in the event not being sanctioned and classifications not being awarded."
  - G. Proposed Bylaw Amendment #5: "To amend Article IX of the ALM Bylaws to state, '...complete tournament information including all participants' names, **dates of birth**, classification, club representations, and placement in the event.'"
  - H. Proposed Bylaw Amendment #6: "To amend Article V of the ALM Bylaws to state, "Notice of all meetings shall be by letters to the membership mailed at least 30 days before the annual meeting is to be held."
- IV. Open Floor for New Business
- V. Close and Adjournment

If there is something you would like to add to the meeting agenda, please email either [chair@almdiv.org](mailto:chair@almdiv.org) or [secretary@almdiv.org](mailto:secretary@almdiv.org). All bylaw amendment proposals must be received 15 days prior to the meeting for them to be eligible for adoption at this business meeting.

### **ARK-LA-MISS NEWS**

The Ark-La-Miss Division was well represented at the 2004 Junior Olympic Championships, held in Cleveland, Ohio, February 13-16. The big news was Dorothy Hubbard, sophomore at Duke University and ALM member won 8<sup>th</sup> place in the Junior Women's Epee event and renewed her A04. Many of the students who went to JOs scored many personal bests. Complete Division Results:

#### **Cadet Men's Foil (245 Competitors)**

176.T Mooney, Patrick  
182. Hock, William G  
212. Platt, Noam  
236.T Ewing, Daniel R

#### **Cadet Women's Épée (118 Competitors)**

107.T Moore, LeAnn

#### **Cadet Men's Épée (177 Competitors)**

143. Gardner, Chris L  
162. Ewing, Daniel R167. Lacy IV, V.  
Addison

#### **Cadet Women's Foil (157 Competitors)**

113. Edwards, Trena  
130. Moore, LeAnn

#### **Cadet Men's Saber (132 Competitors)**

106. Mooney, Patrick  
111. Lacy IV, V. Addison  
116.T Smith, Douglas P  
123.T LeBleu, Layne A

#### **Cadet Women's Saber (78 Competitors)**

43. Colvin, Kira N

#### **Junior Men's Foil (236 Competitors)**

135. Williams, Kenneth H  
178.T Woolbert, James  
195. Mooney, Patrick

**Junior Women's Foil (170 Competitors)**

158.T Edwards, Trena L

**Junior Women's Épée (136 Competitors)**

8. Hubbard, Dorothy M  
87. Day, Sarah E  
132. Takach, Dana L

**Junior Men's Épée (188 Competitors)**

125. Harkey, John J  
162.T Brown, Daniel

**Junior Men's Saber (146 Competitors)**

125. Brown, Daniel W  
129.T Hunt, Samuel Web  
139.T Jennings, Scott R

**C – We Told You!**

Our division can boast of several new classifications. Ken Williams from Ridgeland stood his ground in the B2 event at Rose Condon winning 3<sup>rd</sup> place and earning his C04! Lee London, Caddo Magnet Senior, stood out in the A2 sabre event taking home the 8<sup>th</sup> place medal and a new C04 also! Sam Hunt, Fairfield Avenue, finished one place behind Lee and earned his D04. Paul Geraci from Starkville renewed his C04 in the epee event. Check the website for frequent updates. [www.almdiv.org](http://www.almdiv.org)

**INTERNATIONAL MEDAL:**

Evelyn Scarborough won a BRONZE MEDAL in Junior Women's Epee at the Junior World Cup in Louisville, KY, November 8, 2004. This announcement came during the Junior Olympic Qualifiers and had many friends and team members very excited while trying to focus on their own events and duties!

**SSCC NEWS:**

The Southwest Section Circuit Cup will include several new rules regarding registration and reseeding. Registration will increase to double 2 weeks prior to the event – triple at the door beginning next season. A fencer not checking his information and reporting errors to bout committee will incur a \$25 fine if a reseed is required because of this failure to report errors in timely manner (within 10 minutes after posting).

Please report area fencing news and medals to the web slave for posting (and bragging).