



# **2023 FIE Veteran World Championships**

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Daytona Beach, Florida, USA**

**INVITATION LETTER**

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# WELCOME TO DAYTONA BEACH

*Dear Friends,*

*It is with pleasure that I welcome you to beautiful Daytona Beach, Florida, USA for the 2023 Veteran Fencing World Championships. We all look forward to our 24 veteran events for men and women in individual and team competitions spanning three age groups.*

*It is a testament to the enduring and enriching quality of fencing that we have such incredibly athletic and enthusiastic athletes of all ages, and the veterans' group is no exception. Ours is truly a lifelong sport, including and embracing everyone drawn to the excitement and passion of what it means to be a fencer. In particular, the Veteran Fencing World Championships provides an opportunity not only for excellent and thrilling competition, but also to celebrate our global fencing family and friends, old and new.*



*We applaud the excellent organisation and efforts of USA Fencing in hosting this important and last major event of the 2022-2023 FIE competition season. Further, we appreciate the support of the coaches, staff, volunteers, fans and officials in making the Championships possible.*

*Please enjoy sunny Florida and take time to explore all it has to offer while you are here. We wish you many fine memories and experiences to last a lifetime.*

*Safe travels to all and we look forward to seeing you in Daytona Beach.*

*Emmanuel Katsiadakis  
FIE Interim President*

*Dear Veteran Fencers,*

*On behalf of USA Fencing, I am delighted to invite you to join us in Daytona Beach, Florida, for the 2023 Veteran Fencing World Championships. We are thrilled to host this prestigious event, where the world's top Veteran fencers will compete for glory and honor.*

*We look forward to collaborating with the FIE, the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee and the State Department to ensure you arrive safely and are treated to a world-class experience.*

*We are committed to providing an exceptional experience for all participants, and our team is working tirelessly to ensure a safe, enjoyable, and competitive environment. Join us as we celebrate the incredible achievements and dedication of Veteran fencers from around the world.*

*Mark your calendars and prepare for an unforgettable event in the beautiful city of Daytona Beach. We eagerly anticipate your arrival and look forward to witnessing your outstanding performances on the piste.*

*Sincerely,*

*Phil Andrews  
CEO, USA Fencing*



# I. ABOUT DAYTONA BEACH

With so much to do for all ages, Daytona Beach is the perfect vacation spot. The city is known for its beach with over 23 miles (37 km) of white sandy beaches open to pedestrians without time restrictions. Cars can be driven on some of the beaches during daylight hours due to the hard-packed sand. There are more than ten waterfront parks in Daytona Beach.

This hard-packed sand made Daytona Beach a mecca for motorsports, and the old Daytona Beach Road Course hosted races for over 50 years. This was replaced in 1959 by Daytona International Speedway. The city is also the headquarters for NASCAR.

The Museum of Arts and Sciences is the primary cultural facility for Daytona Beach and Volusia County. Other museums located in the city include the Southeast Museum of Photography and the Halifax Historical Museum. The Museum of Arts and Sciences is actually a collection of museums and galleries and includes the Klancke Environmental Complex, the Cuban Museum, Root Family Museum featuring one of the largest Coca-Cola collections in the world, the Dow American Gallery and the Bouchelle Center for Decorative Arts which together form what is probably one of the finest collections of furniture and decorative arts in the Southeast. It also includes the Cici and Hyatt Brown Museum of Art, which houses the largest collection of Florida art in the world.

During the month of October, the average high temperature in Daytona is 89.9 degrees Fahrenheit (28.8 degrees Celsius), with an average low of 69.0 degrees Fahrenheit (20.6 degrees Celsius).

[VIRTUAL TOUR](#)

[THINGS TO DO](#)

## II. COMPETITION VENUE

Ocean Center Convention Center

Address: 101 N. Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach, FL 32118

The Ocean Center is a modern, state-of-the-art, multipurpose facility located in the heart of Daytona Beach, FL. The venue is just a short walk from the accommodations arranged for the 2023 Veteran World Championships, only 400 feet from the world-renowned Daytona Beach, and provides easy access to a variety of shops and entertainment.

Named the 2019 Stella Gold Award Winner for Best Convention Center in the Southeast, the Ocean Center opened in 1985 and was expanded in 2009, doubling the facility's size. It features more than 200,000 square feet of flexible indoor and outdoor meeting space

The Ocean Center incorporates sun, sand, surf and speed into its fourteen Art in Public Places works. In February 2015, the center installed the NASCAR Stock Car Hall of Fame exhibit to pay tribute to the area's rich racing history. The exhibit honors legendary drivers and personalities in stock car racing, and includes photos and plaques of 58 inductees.

[VIRTUAL TOUR](#)

[FACILITY WEBSITE](#)

# III. PARTICIPATION

All participating athletes are required to have an FIE License, per the FIE Statutes and Administrative rules.

## REGISTRATION

The registration of athletes and officials from the delegations must be done through the FIE website, [www.fie.org](http://www.fie.org), respecting the deadlines specified in the FIE Rules and the quotas of delegations. Photos of athletes and officials from the delegations registered on the FIE website must be uploaded on the FIE website.

Also, entries must be sent to the organizers by the competitors' national federation. Entries must be sent no later than one month before the beginning of the championship.

## ENTRY FEES

Payment of registration fees can be completed by wire transfer. Individual Registration Fees are 90.00 Euros per fencer, per event, and Team Registration Fees are 185.00 Euros per team, per event. Transfer information is below for our bank:

Bank name: First Interstate Bank

Bank address: 401 North 31st Street, Billings, MT 59101

Account holder: USA Fencing

Address: 210 USA Cycling Point, Suite 120, Colorado Springs, CO 80919

Account Number: 11119513

SWIFT: FRIRUS55

\*Delegations will be responsible for bank charges, if any.

If delegations wish to pay their registration fees by credit card or cash, please email [finance@usafencing.org](mailto:finance@usafencing.org).

# IV. COMPETITION SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENTS
OCT 11, 2023	MEN'S SABRE A 50-59
	MEN'S SABRE B 60-69
	MEN'S SABRE C 70+
	WOMEN'S FOIL A 50-59
	WOMEN'S FOIL B 60-69
	WOMEN'S FOIL C 70+
OCT 12, 2023	MEN'S SABRE TEAM
	WOMEN'S FOIL TEAM
OCT 13, 2023	MEN'S EPEE A 50-59
	MEN'S EPEE B 60-60
	MEN'S EPEE C 70+
	WOMEN'S SABRE A 50-59
	WOMEN'S SABRE B 60-69
	WOMEN'S SABRE C 70+
OCT 14, 2023	MEN'S EPEE TEAM
	WOMEN'S SABRE TEAM
OCT 15, 2023	MEN'S FOIL A 50-59
	MEN'S FOIL B 60-69
	MEN'S FOIL C 70+
	WOMEN'S EPEE A 50-59
	WOMEN'S EPEE B 60-69
	WOMEN'S EPEE C 70+
OCT 16, 2023	MEN'S FOIL TEAM
	WOMEN'S EPEE TEAM

\*The detailed competition schedule with times will be provided in the Information Letter one month prior to the tournament.



## V. ACCREDITATION

Accreditation will start on the 10th of October and finish at the end of the World Championships. It will be held in the competition venue and according to the below schedule:

Day	Opening Hours
October 10	08:30-20:00
October 11	07:00-20:00
October 12	07:00-20:00
October 13	07:00-20:00
October 14	07:00-20:00
October 15	07:00-20:00
October 16	07:00-20:00

Participants cannot be allowed to use equipment control, the training venue, competition halls, or any other facility without accreditation. The head of the delegation can collect the accreditation showing proof of bank transfer or paying the entry fees required, only by cash.

## VI. TRAVEL/VISA REQUESTS

If you do need a visa, please urgently apply. It can take several weeks to or more to obtain a visa if you are traveling from non-VWP countries.

Further information: [Visa Waiver Program \(state.gov\)](#)

To apply you need to fill out the DS-160 form, here: [Nonimmigrant Visa - Instructions Page \(state.gov\)](#) which provides guidance here: DS-160: [Frequently Asked Questions \(state.gov\)](#)

Once you have applied please note your DS-160 number, you will then need to pay the visa fee to the US Government, following the instructions.

After applying, you should select the earliest available appointment date (even if beyond the date of travel), then if needed can re-enter the scheduling system and select the "Request Expedite" option. If this still does not result in a satisfactory appointment date, please reach out to us at the contact details below.

## VI. TRAVEL/VISA REQUESTS - CONT'D

Though it is not required to have a visa invitation letter for the interview process, we are happy to provide one, in order to provide this or any other assistance, we need you to fill out the form available here: [2023 FIE Veteran World Championship Visa Invitation Letter](#). Please send your form to [visas@daytonabeach2023.com](mailto:visas@daytonabeach2023.com).

It is important to receive your ESTA or Visa as appropriate as soon as possible. Delegations are encouraged to make this their highest priority.

The ESTA or VWP may be used by the following nations except where an individual has visited the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea, DPRK), Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria or Yemen. You may not use the VWP if you are also a dual national of PRK, IRI, Iraq, Sudan or Syria. You may not use the VWP if you have a criminal record.

Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Chile, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lichenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, San Marino, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Chinese Taipei and the United Kingdom.

## VII. NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FLAG

All the National Anthems that will be used during the FIE Veteran World Championships shall not exceed 75 seconds in length and they need to be sent to the LOC, in addition to an image of the flag, at email before the 27th of September. When the head of delegation collects the accreditations, we will kindly ask you to sign a form to confirm that the anthem and flag emailed to us match the ones you want to be used during the World Championships.

## VIII. EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

- All the equipment must comply with FIE regulations and will be checked under control of the FIE SEMI commission and all the fencers of the same team have to be the same.
- It is mandatory to put the logos of the countries on both legs of the breeches. The surname of the athlete and the name of the country must be printed on the back of the jacket and/or electric jacket.
- All the advertising and manufacturer logos must be in conformity with the FIE Publicity Code requirements and will be checked.
- For additional information, please, see m.38.1.2.3.4.5., m.39 1.2.3. of the [FIE Material Rules](#).

## IX. AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Airport transfers will be arranged for participants from the following airports to the official hotels for the competition ONLY. Price for transfers is to be determined and will be provided at a later date:

- Daytona Beach (DAB), 5 miles/8 km
- Orlando (MCO), 75 miles/120 km

Delegations MUST submit flight information to the organizer in order to be able to utilize the shuttles that will take members from these airports to their hotel. To submit your flight information, please complete the form available here: [2023 FIE Veteran World Championships Delegation Travel Form](#) - and email it to [transportation@daytonabeach2023.com](mailto:transportation@daytonabeach2023.com).

Participants may also book air travel into the below airports if they wish; however, no airport transfers will be provided by the organizer:

- Sanford (SFB), 46 miles/74 km
- Jacksonville (JAX), 103 miles/165 km
- Miami (MIA), 261 miles/420 km

## X. ACCOMMODATIONS

USA Fencing has partnered with GroupHousing in order to provide accommodations at properties within walking distance to the Ocean Center where the 2023 Veteran World Championship competition will be held. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to be directed to website with information on all properties and a link to book your accommodations.

If you have any questions regarding your accommodations, please contact GroupHousing by phone at +1 (888) 290-3210.

## XI. MEDICAL STATIONS

The Medical Station will be located inside the Exhibit Halls at the Ocean Center throughout the competition dates.

## XII. EMERGENCY CONTACTS

For medical emergencies in the U.S., you should dial 911 on your mobile phone or land line to be connected with emergency services. For all non-urgent medical needs, please see a list of contacts and providers below for your convenience.

### HOSPITAL

Halifax Medical Center  
303 N Clyde Morris Blvd, Daytona Beach, FL 32114  
Phone: +1 (386) 425-4000

### DENTISTS

Lakeside Daytona Dentist  
1913 N Clyde Morris Blvd Suite 130, Daytona Beach,  
FL 32117  
Phone: +1 (386) 274-2021

Indigo Dental of Daytona Beach  
39 Executive Cir #101, Daytona Beach, FL 32114  
Phone: +1 (386) 253-3629

Aspen Dental  
1702 W International Speedway Blvd #660, Daytona  
Beach, FL 32114  
Phone: +1 (386) 252-9600

### URGENT CARE

AdventHealth Centra Care Daytona  
1014 W Int'l Speedway Blvd, Daytona Beach, FL 32114  
Phone: +1 (386) 872-5044

### PHARMACIES

CVS Pharmacy  
101 S Ridgewood Ave, Daytona Beach, FL 32114  
Phone: +1 (386) 255-5396

Walgreens Pharmacy  
100 S Ridgewood Ave, Daytona Beach, FL 32114  
Phone: +1 (386) 255-4167

# XIII. USEFUL TRAVEL INFORMATION

## TIME ZONE

Daytona Beach, FL is located in the U.S. Eastern Time Zone (EST).

## ELECTRICAL POWER

In the United States of America, the standard voltage is 120 Volts. You will need an outlet adapter for your electronic devices in order to fit the electrical outlets.

Some devices are able to run on 120 volts, but in order to be sure, check the label on the device. If the label states 'INPUT: 100-240V, 50/60 Hz', the appliances can be used.



# XIV. LOC CONTACT INFORMATION

## GENERAL INFORMATION & ACCREDITATION

[info@daytonabeach2023.com](mailto:info@daytonabeach2023.com)

## VISA AND TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

[visas@daytonabeach2023.com](mailto:visas@daytonabeach2023.com)

## AIRPORT TRANSFERS

[transportation@daytonabeach2023.com](mailto:transportation@daytonabeach2023.com)

## ACCOMMODATIONS

[contact@grouphousing.net](mailto:contact@grouphousing.net)