

**1. General**

The event is held annually.

**2. Eligibility**

The event is open only to paid up members of BVF who also hold a BF licence.

This event will be used for selection for the next World Championships, therefore age categories are determined by the rules for the next World Championships.

**3. Relevance:**

At Categories 2, 3 and 4, the results will contribute towards ranking for selection for the next World Championships.

**4. Medals**

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded at each weapon-category.

**5. Format****Up to 18 entrants:**

Poule unique. First, second and third places will be determined by victories then second and third indicators. Places will be determined by barrage only when all three indicators are equal.

**19 or more entrants:**

First round of pools: Fencers are seeded on the basis of the current ranking system.

There will be a separation on the basis of club in the first round only.

Second round of pools: Fencers are seeded on the first round results.

Third round of pools: Fencers are ranked on the results of the first two rounds ie victories, second (HS-HR) and third (HS) indicators. The top 12 fencers are divided into two semi-final pools. The top three fencers from each of the semi-final pools will fence in a final pool of 6. All remaining fencers will be allocated places on the basis of results from the previous rounds.

In the first and second round, pool size is determined as follows:

- a) If numbers permit no pool will be smaller than five or larger than six.
- b) If numbers permit, pools will all be the same size.

**Medallists**

First, second and third place will be determined by victories then second and third indicators taken from the final pool. Places will be determined by barrage only when all three indicators are equal.

**Abandon**

If a fencer withdraws partway through any pool, the results of any bouts completed by the outgoing fencer will be ignored.

If a fencer withdraws during either of the seeding rounds of pools, they will be ranked in last place in the tournament. If two or more fencers withdraw, they will be ranked in the last places, in the order of their original seeding.

If a fencer withdraws from the final round of pools, he/she will be ranked last in that pool. If two or more fencers withdraw, they will be ranked in the last places, in the order of their seeding to that round.

**General**

All bouts are to five hits or three minutes of fencing time.

If the score is equal at time then the referee determines priority randomly and the fencers continue for a maximum of one minute. If a hit is scored, then that fencer wins the bout. If no hit is scored then the fencer with priority wins the bout.

**6. Equipment**

It is the responsibility of each fencer to ensure that personal equipment complies with British Fencing guidelines.

**7. Organisation**

The organisers reserve the right to make any changes that they deem necessary to the smooth running of the competition.

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