

BVF Competition Organisation

Definitions

Season:

The 12 month period starting on the first day of January in each year.

Veteran:

A person in their 40th year or older who is a member in good standing of British Veteran Fencing (BVF) or an equivalent organisation of another FIE member federation. Members of such equivalent organisations are known as 'Overseas Fencers'.

Category:

The Category in which a Veteran will compete in a season is the age range (40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+) in which they are placed in the season in question.

Event:

A competition or set of competitions held in the UK or Channel Islands registered with BVF that any Veteran is permitted to enter on payment of the appropriate fee.

Selection Event:

An event used to select fencers to represent BVF at the European or World Championships.

Competition:

A contest between a group of individuals of the same gender using a single type of weapon conducted in accordance with the FIE Rules for Competitions (as amended by British Fencing).

Overview

A consistent competition format will be used for all BVF selection events with effect from 1 January 2017.

Pools

Constitution:

All fencers entered in a competition will fence within their EVFC Team Championship Veteran or Grand Veteran age section. Thus, categories 1 and 2 will combine into a one group of pools and categories 3 and 4 will combine into a second group of pools.

Fencers will normally fence in a single round of pools of 6 or 7 fencers. The primary aim is for there to be even pools. Where there are uneven pools, the higher seeds will be allocated to the larger pools.

Where there are fewer than 10 entrants in a combined category group in a competition the fencers will fence in a single pool, rather than in 2 small pools.

Pools may not be of mixed gender.

Ranking:

In the round of pools fencers will be ranked in the order of their average position after the pools from the previous two qualifying events#.

Fencers who have competed in only one of these two preceding qualifying events will be allocated a deemed position of one place below the last placed fencer after the pools for the competition in which they did not compete.

Fencers who have not competed in either of these two preceding qualifying events will be allocated a ranking of 999.

Promotion:

All fencers will be promoted to the Direct Elimination.

Direct Elimination

Constitution:

Fencers of each category will form separate DE Tableaux.

Ranking:

Fencers will be ranked within their category in the order in which they were placed from the results of the round of pools.

Placing:

For each category fencers will be placed, within each round of the direct elimination, in accordance with their ranking for the composition of the relevant Direct Elimination Tableau.

Medals:

Each category and gender shall award a gold medal to the winner of the final bout, a silver medal to the loser of this bout, and a bronze medal to each of the losers of the semi-final bouts.

Notes to Organisers

For the first qualifying event of the 2017 season the ranking will be established by the BVF selectors.