

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.

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 events with effect from 1 November 2016, which will facilitate the creation of a ranking list. Events may choose to use this format prior to 1 November 2016.

Pools

Constitution:

All fencers of all categories entered in a competition will normally fence in 2 rounds of pools of 5 or 6 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.

Pools of 7 may be used where this will result in even pools or where pools of 5 and 6 fencers are impractical (e.g. an entry of 19 fencers).

Where there are fewer than 10 entrants of all categories in a competition the fencers will fence in a single pool, rather than in 2 rounds of small pools.

Pools may be of mixed gender if low entry numbers make it impracticable to run separate gender events.

Where there are more entrants of all categories in a competition than can be accommodated in a single wave of pools of 5 or 6 fencers for each round, or where time constraints require it, the fencers will fence in a single round of pools of 6 or 7 fencers.

Each fencer's category will be noted on the pool sheet.

Ranking:

In the first round of pools fencers will be ranked within their category in the order of the BVF Ranking List. Fencers not on the BVF Ranking List will be allocated a ranking of 99.

Fencers will be allocated to pools in ascending category order. In effect, all category 1 fencers are ranked ahead of category 2 fencers, who are ahead of category 3 fencers etc.*

In the second round of pools fencers will be ranked in the order in which they were placed after the first round of pools.

Handicap:

Bouts between fencers of different age categories will be subject to a handicap based on the difference between the fencers' categories, as detailed in the table below.

A fencer with a negative score at the end of a bout will have their score recorded as zero.

Category of Fencers	Handicap
Cat 1 v Cat 1	no handicap
Cat 1 v Cat 2	Cat 1 starts on -1
Cat 1 v Cat 3	Cat 1 starts on -2
Cat 1 v Cat4	Cat 1 starts on -3
Cat 2 v Cat 2	no handicap
Cat 2 v Cat 3	Cat 2 starts on -1
Cat 2 v Cat 4	Cat 2 starts on -2
Cat 3 v Cat 3	no handicap
Cat 3 v Cat 4	Cat 3 starts on -1
Cat 4 v Cat 4	no handicap

Promotion:

All fencers will be promoted to the Direct Elimination.

Direct Elimination

Constitution:

Fencers of each category will form separate DE Tableaux. Tableaux must be of separate genders, even where the pools were of mixed genders.

Ranking:

Fencers will be ranked within their category in the order in which they were placed from the combined results of both rounds 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.

Ranking Scheme Points

Fencers will be awarded points on the BVF Ranking List in accordance with the BVF Ranking Scheme.

** Note to Organisers*

This can be achieved by adding a fencer's category in front of their 2 digit ranking. For example, the no.1 ranked fencer in category 2 would have a ranking of 201, while an unranked fencer in category 1 would have a ranking of 199.