

BVF Competition, Ranking & Selection Proposal

Summary

Overview:

The proposal is to introduce a consistent competition format for a circuit of veteran competitions, including the National Championships, from which a ranking list would be generated for each age category, weapon and gender. Selection for the World Championships and the European Team Championships would be based upon these ranking lists.

The intention is to replicate the structure of the competitions at which BVF wishes to maximise its medal tally, being the European Veteran and World Veteran Championships, while retaining the original social aim of the association of all veterans fencing together.

Competition Format:

- Fencers compete in 2 rounds of pools of 5 or 6 fencers of all age categories together, with all fencers promoted to the Direct Elimination.
- In bouts between fencers of different age categories the younger fencer starts with a negative score of the difference between the fencers' age categories.
- The first round is seeded from the BVF Ranking Lists; the second round is seeded from the results of the first round.
- After the pools fencers separate by age category to form different DE tables, each seeded from the results of both rounds of pools, which are resolved in the normal way.

Ranking Scheme:

- Each age category, weapon and gender has its own ranking list.
- Fencers may score ranking points at all veteran individual events, both domestic and international. International events include the European and World Championships, and also include the domestic veteran events of other FIE Federations.
- Fencers placed in the top 75% of their age category at a competition will be awarded ranking points in line with the FIE World Ranking scheme.
- The BVF National Championships will have a points multiplier of 1.2, while the European Championships will have a multiplier of 1.5 and the World Championships will have a multiplier of 2.5. These are the same multipliers that BF applies to the senior national championships and that the FIE applies to the senior Zonal and World Championships.
- A fencer's total counting ranking points is the sum of their best 5 results, with no more than 3 of these 5 counting competitions being international events. The BF senior ranking scheme allows up to 6 counting results with no more than 4 of these being international events.
- The ranking lists will be updated monthly and compiled on a rolling 12 month cycle.
- Fencers moving up a category at the start of a season will carry the ranking points from results in their old category into their new category until these expire in the normal way.

Selection Scheme:

- All fencers for the individual World Championships will be selected in descending order from the ranking list for their particular age category, weapon and gender. The highest ranked 2 fencers will be selected for the team event.
- For the European Team Championships the highest ranked 2 fencers from each of the ranking lists for the eligible age categories will be selected. Where a fifth fencer is selected the selectors will decide between the third highest ranked fencers on each ranking list.