

1. Overview

Selection for all representative individual and team places will be in keeping with the rules of eligibility for the event under consideration.

In exceptional circumstances not covered by existing selection rules, the BVF Committee will be the decision-making body.

Any selector having a personal interest in the selection procedure must declare it and withdraw from that part of the selection process. A disinterested member of BVF will be substituted

2. FIE Veteran World Championships

Individual

Fencers will be selected for each age category and weapon using the following criteria:

- Three places are allocated to the highest placed eligible and available fencers at the most recent BVF Age Group Qualifier.
- One place is allocated to the highest placed eligible and available fencer at the most recent BVF Championships, not already selected from the most recent BVF Age Group Qualifier. If at the BVF Championships the highest placed fencer in a relevant age category is tied in third place with another fencer of that category (ie the highest placed fencers in a category are the two losing semi-finalists), these fencers will compete in a World Championship Selection bout to 10 hits. The winner of this bout shall be allocated the selection place provided for at the BVF Championships.
- If a selected fencer withdraws after selection has been confirmed and accepted, then the place is re-allocated on the basis of the highest placed eligible and available fencer at the most recent BVF Age Group Qualifier. If there is no fencer available from the most recent BVF Age Group Qualifier, then the place will be allocated to the highest and available fencer at the most recent BVF Championships.

Team

For each weapon a team will be selected from those fencers who have been selected for the individual events of that weapon.

The team at each weapon consists of up to two fencers from each of the age categories A (50-59), B (60-69) and C (70+). Only teams with at least one fencer from each category will be entered.

Up to two fencers from each category will be selected, at the discretion of the selectors, from the following:

- The highest placed eligible and available placed fencer at the most recent BVF Age Group Qualifier,
- The second highest placed eligible and available fencer at the most recent BVF Age Group Qualifier,
- The highest placed and available fencer at the most recent BVF Championship. If a selected fencer withdraws after selection has been confirmed and accepted, but prior to the

event, their replacement shall be selected from the other fencers selected for the individual event at the discretion of the selectors.

The decisions of the selectors, both on the initial selection of a team and on the selection of any replacement, are absolute and unfettered.

If a selected fencer withdraws at the event their replacement shall be selected from the other fencers selected for the individual event by the Team Manager, in consultation with the Team Captain.

At the event, if a selected fencer is injured, ill, or otherwise unfit to fence for any reason whatsoever, the Team Manager has the authority to withdraw the fencer from the team. The Team Manager, in consultation with the Team Captain and any medical or other appropriately qualified person relevant to the situation in question, shall have the competence to declare a fencer to be unfit to fence in the team. The Team Manager shall make a detailed report to the Committee explaining the background to and reasons for any such action within 7 days of the end of the Championships.

For each team:

- The selectors will appoint a Team Captain, who may or may not be one of the fencers in the team.
- The Team Captain will choose at the event which of the selected fencers fence in each match.

The decisions of the Team Manager and the Team Captain made at the event are absolute and unfettered.

3. **EVF Veteran European Team Championship**

Two competitions are fenced:

- Veterans Cat 1 + Cat 2
- Grand Veterans Cat 3 + Cat 4

For each team the first 2 fencers available from the 2 relevant age groups going down the Age Groups results will be selected. If two fencers have an equal result, then the fencer who won the fight between the two will be selected.

A 5th fencer will be selected by the Selectors on a discretionary basis. The Selectors will select a fencer who they consider will most strengthen the team. This may be a fencer who was unable to compete in the Age Groups.

If a selected fencer withdraws after selection has been confirmed and accepted, then the Selectors will use their discretion to re-allocate the place to an eligible and available fencer from either age category at the most recent BVF Age Group Qualifier or a fencer who was unable to attend the event and has requested a discretionary place by the published deadline.

If a fencer who has requested the Selectors to consider that he/she be considered for a discretionary place in a team has not been selected, he/she may request the Chairman of Selectors to provide the reasoning. The Selectors' final decision is absolute and unfettered.

For each team:

- The Selectors will appoint a Team Captain.
- The Team Captain will choose at the event which of the selected fencers fence in each match.

4. Other International Team Matches

All places are allocated to the highest placed eligible and available fencers at the most recent BVF Championships that comply with the age restrictions for the event.

5. Domestic Team Matches

For UK domestic team matches the selectors defer the selection to the appointed Team Manager.