

World Championships 2020 / COVID-19

The FIE is currently consulting with the organisers of the World Championships and is expected to make a final decision in July to cancel or allow the championships to go ahead. The Committee has been under the impression that the event would probably have to be cancelled and that is still a prevailing view. However the most recent information suggests that it MAY still take place.

Given this possibility we have had to consider revising the published selection criteria as only two of the three scheduled qualifying events have taken place.

It may be that the FIE revises certain aspects of the tournament relating to age categories or Team events, this still to be decided, but bearing this in mind the Committee has decided that for this year selection, if needed, will have to be more flexible and has agreed the following Selection criteria.

Individual Selection

The first 3 fencers in the Selection Ranking Table, showing points from the two events held, will be selected for the World Championships

In the case of equality of points in the Selection Ranking Table between two or more fencers for the 3rd place, the Selectors will select the fencer they consider to be the strongest.

The 4th place will be allocated at the Selectors' discretion taking all known facts and results into consideration.

If one or more of these 4 selected fencers are unavailable, then the Selectors will select replacement fencers at their complete discretion.

Team Event

For the team event the rules remain the same.

We are aware of the possibility that some people selected may choose not to go and the Selectors may have to look below the top 3 in the table. Therefore if you believe that you may have a chance of being selected and wish to go, the Committee's advice is to stay as fit as you can under these difficult training circumstances.

To assist you with your training Mike Swiffin is compiling a guide to fitness for each category. Hopefully you will find this helpful.

Finally the Committee is still waiting for a decision to be made regarding the Euro Teams 2020, in that it could possibly be rescheduled. Further information on selection for this event, will be forthcoming as soon as, and if, a decision to reschedule is made.

Carl Morris

Chairman of Selectors