

BVF Selection Scheme

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.

Selection of both individuals and teams will be announced in time for an appeal to be processed prior to the event in question. Any fencer wishing to appeal should send a written outline of their case to the BVF Chairman. A closing date for appeals will be announced with all selections.

All references to the availability of fencers mean available for a particular event on the date that the selections for that event are announced.

Where a selected fencer ceases, for whatever reason, to be available for a particular event under the criterion by which they were selected the selectors will, when considering the selection of a replacement fencer, consider fencers' availability for the event based on the date of their consideration of the replacement rather than the original selection date.

Where a replacement fencer is to be selected the selectors will use the same criterion by which the fencer being replaced was selected.

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.

Selection Events

There are two selection events for selection purposes; the first being the BVF National Championships and the second being the BVF Summer Selection Event.

FIE Veteran World Championships

Individual

Up to four fencers will be selected for each category and weapon using the following criteria:

- Two places are allocated to the finalists of the first selection event in the season.
- Two places are allocated to the finalists of the second selection event in the season.
- Should any places remain unallocated, either because a qualifying fencer is ineligible or unavailable, or where the same fencer qualifies under both of the above criteria, all such unfilled places will be allocated at the discretion of the selectors.

Team

For each weapon, a team is selected from those fencers who have qualified for the individual event.

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

- One place is allocated to the winner of the first selection event in the season.
- One place is allocated to the winner of the second selection event in the season.
- Should any places remain unallocated, either because a qualifying fencer is ineligible or unavailable, or where the same fencer qualifies under both of the above criteria, all such unfilled places will be allocated at the discretion of the selectors.

For each weapon a Team Captain will be appointed at the discretion of the selectors, who may or may not be one of the fencers in the team.

At the Championships the Team Captain shall decide, in consultation with the appointed Team Manager, which fencers are to start and which fencers are to be a reserve for any given match at the event. The final decision shall rest with the Team Captain.

EVFC Veteran European Team Championship

Veterans:

For each weapon, a team of 4 or 5 fencers is selected using the following criteria:

- Two places are allocated to the category 2 (50-59) finalists of the first selection event in the season.
- Two places are allocated to the category 1 (40-49) finalists of the first selection event in the season.
- Where two places have not been allocated from the category 2 finalists, either because a qualifying fencer is ineligible or unavailable, the unfilled places will be allocated from the eligible and available category 2 fencers at the discretion of the selectors.
- Where two places have not been allocated from the category 1 finalists, either because a qualifying fencer is ineligible or unavailable, the unfilled places will be allocated from the eligible and available fencers from either category 1 or category 2 at the discretion of the selectors.
- Where a fifth fencer is to be selected this place will be allocated from the eligible and available fencers from either category 1 or 2 at the discretion of the selectors.

For each weapon a Team Captain will be appointed at the discretion of the selectors, who may or may not be one of the fencers in the team.

At the Championships the Team Captain shall decide, in consultation with the appointed Team Manager, which fencers are to start and which fencer is to be the reserve for any given match at the event. The final decision shall rest with the Team Captain.

Grand Veterans:

For each weapon, a team of 4 or 5 fencers is selected using the following criteria:

- Two places are allocated to the category 4 (70+) finalists of the first selection event in the season.
- Two places are allocated to the category 3 (60-69) finalists of the first selection event in the season.
- Where two places have not been allocated from the category 4 finalists, either because a qualifying fencer is ineligible or unavailable, the unfilled places will be allocated from the eligible and available category 4 fencers at the discretion of the selectors.
- Where two places have not been allocated from the category 3 finalists, either because a qualifying fencer is ineligible or unavailable, the unfilled places will be allocated from the eligible and available fencers from either category 3 or category 4 at the discretion of the selectors.
- Where a fifth fencer is to be selected this place will be allocated from the eligible and available fencers from either category 3 or 4 at the discretion of the selectors.

For each weapon a Team Captain will be appointed at the discretion of the selectors, who may or may not be one of the fencers in the team.

At the Championships the Team Captain shall decide, in consultation with the appointed Team Manager, which fencers are to start and which fencer is to be the reserve for any given match at the event. The final decision shall rest with the Team Captain.

Other International Team Matches

All places are allocated from the eligible and available fencers at the selection date that comply with the age restrictions for the event at the discretion of the selectors.

Domestic Team Matches

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