

8th B V F WEST MIDLANDS OPEN

Saturday 1st April 2017
Sunday 2nd April 2017



- Venue:** Castle High School, St James's Road, Dudley DY1 3JE
- Refreshments:** Sandwiches, crisps, snack bars, fruit, etc. + hot drinks, water & soft drinks... and CAKE will be available
- Parking:** Free, security camera covered, on-site parking
- Closing Dates:** Entries must be received by the organisers on or before Monday 20th March 2017. Late entries are accepted at organisers discretion for double fee.
- Entry Fees:** £22 ONE weapon £38 TWO weapons - **only 1 prior weapon entry possible for Saturday.** **However**, entry to later events will, depending on numbers and at the discretion of the organisers, be accepted on the day by those who have competed in a previous event if the latter is completed **before** the start of the next, which **WILL NOT BE HELD UP** to accommodate them. Fee £16 as a 2nd weapon £12 as 3rd weapon.
- Eligibility:** OPEN TO **ALL** FENCERS OF VETERAN AGE - 40+ **BY 31/12/17** (MUST BE MEMBERS OF BRITISH FENCING OR EQUIVALENT BODY)
- Medals:** Gold, Silver and two Bronze Medals will be awarded at each of the six weapons. **There are no separate age categories**
- Format:** **Weapons: Men's & Women's Foil, Men's & Women's Sabre, Men's & Women's Epée**
There will be one round of pools followed by Direct Elimination.
There will separation on the basis of club in the first round only.
Seeding
For the first round of pools fencers are seeded *on the basis of any relevant data* to give as accurate a seeding as possible.
Rounds of Pools
i) In the rounds of pools all bouts are to five hits or three minutes of fencing time.
ii) If the score is equal at time, the one minute priority rule will apply.
Direct Elimination
i) There will be no elimination of fencers from the rounds of pools
ii) Bouts at Foil and Epée will be to 10 hits in two periods of 3 minutes with a 1 minute break after the first 3 minutes.
iii) Bouts at Sabre will be to 10 hits with a 1 minute break when one fencer has scored 5 hits.
- Equipment:** It is the responsibility of each fencer to ensure that personal equipment complies with British Fencing guidelines. The BVF **recommends** FIE standard clothing and masks for personal safety Sabre blades must comply with current standards of stiffness and be dated 2000 or later.
The rule regarding conductive bibs on the masks at Foil will apply at this event.
- Over 75's:** Fencers over 75 years of age are only covered for third party injury by their British Fencing membership. Personal injury is not covered. If another fencer injures you, any claim that you pursue against that fencer must be at your own expense.
- Organisation:** The organisers reserve the right to make any changes that they deem necessary to ensure the smooth running of the competition.
- Accommodation:** There is now a wider choice of hotels/B&Bs Including 2 new Premier Inns. Internet booking seems to best prices.
- Timetable:** **Note: this order of events has been retained, as it appears to suit more people.**
Saturday 1st April 2017
09:00 - 09:30hrs Men's & Women's Foil check-in
12.00 - 12.30hrs Men's & Women's Sabre check-in
Sunday 2nd April 2017
09:00 - 09:30hrs Men's Epée check-in
10.00 - 10.30 hrs Women's Epée check-in
- Entries:** **Enter online via the BVF web site or use the form below.**
Payment by BACS to the BVF account preferred - details on entry form
Cheques should be made payable to BVF (not to any individual)
- Contact & paper entries to:**
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| Event Manager: | Peter Baron |
| | 1, Sandringham Road, Stourbridge, DY8 5HN. |
| In Advance: | 01384 400 242 or mobile 07970 574 879 |
| Email: | bvf@baronfencing.plus.com |
| On the Day: | 07970 574 879 (Note that reception in the hall is poor) |