



## 2012 BRITISH VETERANS FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> March

- Venue:** Oxstalls Indoor Tennis Centre, Gloucester GL2 9DW
- Refreshments:** Sandwiches, light meals, hot and cold drinks are available throughout the day.
- Parking:** There is ample free parking at both at the Fencing Venue and at the Hotels.
- Closing Date:** Closing date is on or before 25<sup>th</sup> February 2012. Late entries are not accepted.
- Entry Fees:** £20 for 1 weapon, £35 for 2 weapons and £45 for 3 weapons.
- Eligibility:** The championships are open only to fully paid up members of BVF who are members of British Fencing and holding British nationality (for the avoidance of doubt: British passport holders) and those holding dual nationality provided the fencer does not hold an FIE international licence issued by a country other than Great Britain.
- Relevance:** The rankings from the British Veterans Fencing Championships are used to determine selection for representative events.
- Medals:** Gold, Silver and two Bronze Medals will be awarded at each of the six weapons. There are no separate age categories, but at each weapon medals are awarded for the highest placed competitor aged 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70+ based on their age on the day of the event.
- Format:** Engarde will be used to run the competition.  
There will be two rounds of pools followed by Direct Elimination.  
There will be no separation on the basis of club.

### Seeding

For the first round of pools fencers are seeded on the basis of their results in the previous two years' British Veterans Championships, with a greater weighting given to the more recent result. Any other relevant data may be taken into account 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.
- iii) In the first and second round, pool size is determined as follows:
  - a) If numbers permit no pool will be smaller than five or larger than six.
  - b) If numbers permit, pools will all be the same size
- v) In the second round of pools fencers are seeded on the first round results.

### Direct Elimination

- i) There will be no elimination of fencers from the rounds of pools
- ii) Fencers will be ranked on the results of both rounds of pools
- iii) 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.
- iv) Bouts at Sabre will be to 10 hits with a 1 minute break when one fencer has scored 5 hits.

### **Abandon**

- i) If a fencer withdraws during the seeding rounds of pools the outgoing fencer will be ranked in last place in the tournament.
- ii) If two or more fencers withdraw, they will be ranked in the last places, in the order of their original seeding.
- iii) If a fencer withdraws partway through a pool, the results of any bouts completed by the outgoing fencer will be ignored.
- iv) If a fencer withdraws during the Direct Elimination he/she will be deemed to have lost any incomplete bout.

### **Equipment:**

It is the responsibility of each fencer to ensure that personal equipment complies with British Fencing guidelines. 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.

**Conductive bibs on the masks at Foil will be required at this event.**

### **Organisation:**

The organisers reserve the right to make any changes that they deem necessary to ensure the smooth running of the competition.

### **BVF AGM:**

The AGM of BVF will be held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 20:15hrs in the Tennyson Room at the Holiday Inn. The AGM of England Veterans Fencing will follow.  
**Please make every effort to attend the AGM.**

### **Championship Dinner:**

There will be a Championship Dinner at 20:00hrs on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March in the Sheridan Suite at the Holiday Inn. Non fencing partners and guests are welcome.

### **Accommodation:**

**Holiday Inn**, Crest Way, Barnwood Gloucester, GL4 3RX a special accommodation rate has been negotiated,

Single: £50.00 per night B&B

Double/Twin: £70 per night B&B.

To make a reservation telephone 01452 650 304.

Quote British Veterans Fencing when booking to receive the special deal.

**Premier Inn Longford**, Tewkesbury Road, Longford, Gloucester GL2 9BF.

Tel: 08701977115

Walking distance from fencing venue, parking available.

**Premier Inn Barnwood**, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 3HR. Tel: 0870 990 6322

Walking distance from Holiday Inn, parking available.

**Travelodge Gloucester**, Gloucester Quays, St Ann Way, Gloucester GL1 5SF.

Tel: 0871 984 6427

10 minutes drive from fencing venue, parking charges apply.

**Timetable:****Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

11:00hrs	Men's Sabre check-in and weapon control – closes at 11:30hrs
11:30hrs	Women's Sabre check-in and weapon control - closes at 12:00hrs
11:45hrs	Men's preliminary rounds start
12:15hrs	Women's preliminary rounds start
16:15hrs	Men's and Women's Finals
17:30hrs	Presentations
18:00hrs	Presentations complete
20:15hrs	BVF AGM – Holiday Inn Tennyson Suite England AGM to follow

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

09:30hrs	Men's Foil check-in and weapon control - closes at 10:00hrs
10:15hrs	Women's Foil check-in and weapon control - closes at 11:00hrs
10:15hrs	Men's Foil preliminary rounds start
11:15hrs	Women's Foil preliminary rounds start
16:30hrs	Men's and Women's Finals start
17:55hrs	Presentations
18:25hrs	Presentations complete
20:00hrs	Championships Dinner – Holiday Inn, Sheridan Suite

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

09:30hrs	Men's Epée check-in and weapon control - closes 10:00hrs
10:00hrs	Women's Epée check-in and weapon control - closes 10:30hrs
10:15hrs	Men's Epée preliminary rounds start
10:40hrs	Women's Epée preliminary rounds start
15:30hrs	Men's and Women's Finals start
16:45hrs	Presentations
17:15hrs	Complete

**Scratch policy:** Any fencer who has not reported to the DT by the time published for close of check-in will be scratched. A fencer may if necessary check-in by telephoning the Event Manager 0779 8824707  
Any fencer who knows in advance that they will be unable to fence is requested to inform the organisers as soon as possible.  
Entry Fees will not be refunded.  
Payments for Championships Dinners will be refunded if there is no cost to BVF.

**Contact:**

Event Manager: Frank Mills  
In Advance: 01908 310516  
Email: [millsfba@aol.com](mailto:millsfba@aol.com)  
On the Day: 0779 8824707

Entries Manager: John Mason  
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On the Day: 07977 117 763

Oxstalls Tennis Centre  
On the day 01452 396 969

## TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

### From M5 Junction 11 to Oxstalls Indoor Tennis Centre (GL2 9DW)

1. Take the slip road signposted **Gloucester (A40)**. At roundabout take the fourth exit **RIGHT** towards Ross and Forest of Dean (**A40**).
2. At the end of the dual carriageway, past the Audi garage on your left, **TURN LEFT** towards Gloucester City Centre.
3. Travel about 200yards, past the Longford Inn Beefeater pub on your right, and **TURN LEFT** (opposite Winfield hospital) into **PLOCK COURT**. Travel 20 yards and you will see a signpost for Oxstalls Indoor Tennis Centre. Travel along the access road and you will see the Indoor Centre in front of you.

### From M5 to Holiday Inn Hotel (GL4 3RX)

1. Take the slip road signposted **Gloucester (A40)**. At roundabout **TAKE SECOND EXIT** towards Cirencester (**A40**).
2. At the next roundabout take **SECOND EXIT** onto Barnett Way signed **Superstore and Hotel** (*care first exit is straight on*).
3. After 0.1 mile **TURN LEFT** signed Hotel onto Crest Way follow road to Holiday Inn Hotel.

### From Holiday Inn Hotel to Venue (GL2 9DW)

1. From the Hotel follow Crest Way to junction.
2. At junction **TURN RIGHT** onto Barnett way.
3. On the roundabout take **SECOND EXIT** signpost Ross on Wye and M5 (**A417**).
4. At the next roundabout take **SECOND EXIT** signposted Ross on Wye (A40) and proceed past the Audi Garage on your right.
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