

VETERANS WINTON CUP COMPETITION 2009

Competition Rules

1. Entry is open to geographical regions; specified by the NVA.
2. All competitors must be at least 40 years of age at the date of the start of the competition and must be **both** NVA and British Fencing members. All fencers must be aware of the BFA guidelines on equipment and these are mandatory for all fencers at this event. For further details of these, visit the BFA website.
3. Each team will comprise a minimum of 3 fencers at each of the 6 weapons of MF, WF, ME, WE, MS and WS. A fourth fencer may be selected as substitute if that substitute is entered on the poule sheet at the start of a match.
4. Doubling up weapons is NOT permissible.
5. The competition will be fenced between teams of 3 in matches. During the weekend each team will fence all other teams, with each fight to 5 hits to determine the winner and each fight for a maximum duration of 3 minutes of fencing time.
6. If the score is equal at time in any fight the priority rule will apply.
7. All matches will be fought to a conclusion of 9 fights.
9. Any fencer missing from a team will concede victories to the opposing team 5-0.
10. The victorious team is the one with the maximum amount of points at the end of the competition. Points per team will be awarded at the rate of one point for a victory against the whole team, $\frac{1}{2}$ for a draw and 0 for a loss.
If at the conclusion of the competition there is a draw based on points team places will be determined by a count back of victories then hits for and hits against.
11. For a match plan of 9 teams, 6 teams will fence at any one time at any weapon; the other 3 teams **MUST** provide a referee for the matches occurring.
12. At foil paired spools will be used. This rule will be strictly imposed to ensure the swift running of the competition.
13. If the referee is late collecting the pool sheet from control three calls will be made at approximately one minute intervals - after which that referee's weapon team may lose a fight in their next match (-1).
14. All NVA members are eligible to fence, with the following exceptions:
At any weapon, at the 2009 Nationals, the winner is not eligible to fence that weapon.
At any weapon at **Categories 1, 2 and 3 at the 2009 Age Groups, the winner is not eligible to fence that weapon.**
15. The organisers reserve the right to amend the rules to ensure the smooth running of the competition.