



## **EUROPEAN VETERANS FENCING**

### **EUROPEAN VETERANS CIRCUIT GUIDELINES**

**European Veterans Fencing offers Veteran Fencers in Europe the opportunity to compete in a Circuit of Competitions for which they will be awarded European Ranking Points.**

**Member Countries open existing events or create new events to attract fencers from other Countries.**

**Circuit Events are awarded and delivered through the application of a specific set of guiding principles laid down by EVF.**

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## Background

European Veterans Fencing is committed to facilitating the best possible environment within Europe to increase participation, raise standards and grow Veterans Fencing as a friendly but competitive family.

The creation of a Veteran Fencing Circuit is the first step in fulfilling this objective by providing an incentive for Veteran Fencers to participate in competitions outside their own countries. This is equally beneficial for experienced fencers seeking to enhance their ranking and newer fencers seeking to gain experience.

## Foundation Events

Twelve events have been selected as Foundation Events to establish the Circuit, 4 events for each weapon, each in different countries. Each event is awarded for a period of 3 years during which time it is evaluated for inclusion for a further 3 years. A maximum of 6 events at each weapon will be included in the European Circuit.

MKD	Orhid	August 2019	Sabre
HUN	Budapest	September 2019	Foil
FIN	Turku	September 2019	Epee
ESP	Madrid	November 2019	Sabre
GER	Munich	November 2019	Foil
GBR	London	January 2020	Epee
FRA	Faches-Thumesnil	January 2020	Foil
ITA	tba	March 2020	Sabre
UKR	Kiev	March 2020	Epee
AUT	Graz	March 2020	Foil
BEL	Liege	April 2020	Sabre
POL	Warsaw	April 2020	Epee

## Age Categories

The EuroVet Fencer of the year is awarded at the European Championships. All fencers must fence in the Age Category of the year of the announcement from the beginning of the Circuit, even if this means fencing in the older category at the end of the previous year.

V1: 40-49 years

V2: 50-59 years

V3: 60-69 years

V4: 70+ years

## Invitation

The organisers must advise EVF, at least 6 months prior to the event, of the date, location and organisers contact details.

A public Invitation with the following information about the event shall be transmitted to EVF Members and Executive 3 months before the event with the following information

- Contact of organisers
- Competition venue
- Schedule of the competition
- Entry information
- Entry fee
- Formula

Organisers may also publicise their event on the EVF Website and FaceBook page.

## Competition Structure

All Circuit Events are organised and delivered by local hosts but they must all fulfil the following minimum criteria:

- At least one round of poules with option of combining age categories
- Option of applying a handicap system in poule rounds
- All fencers promoted from poules to D/E
- D/E divided into age categories (V1,V2,V3,V4)
- Medals awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and equal 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Full results provided to EVF within 24 hours of completion

## Initial seeding

Seeding should be applied following the current European Ranking provided by EVF. Competitors from outside Europe may compete and be included in the Ranking for the purposes of seeding.

## Entry fees

Entry fees are set at the discretion of the organiser to include the referee cost and must be approved by EVF.

## Referees

Referees may be National and Local but must be of a suitable level to direct bouts with International competitors. All referees to be supplied by the organisers with no demand on fencers to provide referees according to entry numbers.

## Registration

Circuit Competition organisers have the right to use EVF proprietary software for Registration and Accreditation. It is strongly recommended that they do so.

## Results Transmission

Full results shall be provided to EVF within 24 hours from competition containing the following information:

- a) fencers by country (including date or year of birth)
- b) fencers by initial seeding
- c) formula
- d) poules
- e) ranking after poules
- f) ranking for D/E table in case two rounds of poules were fenced
- g) all D/E tables
- h) final ranking (including date or year of birth)

## Rules

Circuit Competitions may apply local rules but must operate within broad FIE rules for equipment, referees and disputes.

## Organization

There must be an adequate number of pistes to ensure the smooth running of the competition that are supported by technical staff.

The organisers should provide and distribute information about accommodation , transportation and parking to EVF Members as early as possible.

Adequate medical assistance must be available at the venue.

It is strongly recommended that organisers support international entrants by providing transport between key hotels and the venue and transfers from the airport.

## New Circuit Event Applicants

Member countries that seek to have a competition included as a ranking event on the European Circuit may seek inclusion by first contacting EVF with a proposal that outlines the event and confirms the criteria laid out in these Guidelines.

Applications will be reviewed by the Directors responsible for the Circuit and Competitions and recommendations made to the Congress for approval.

## Ranking System

The ranking system will continuously update to provide an accurate indication of the status of each participating fencer.

On 1 May each the top ranked fencer in each weapon will be declared 'Euro Vet Fencer of the Year' and be awarded a diploma/certificate/plaque/gift at the European Championships. Fencers from outside Europe may be included in the Rankings but cannot be awarded 'Euro Vet Fencer of the Year'.

## Ranking Point Calculation

Ranking points for a fencer are based on :

- their overall position in a competition
- the number of rounds of DE they have survived
- podium position

The best results from a set number of events are added together to form a total.

Ranking lists are provided for each of the 24 weapon-age categories in order of their total points.

Placings for competitions are taken directly from the published results.

Whatever the size of the competition the first placed gets Max Points (50 is proposed). The last placed is awarded 1 point so that ALL competing fencers appear in the ranking. A scale is then used for intermediate places.

## D/E Rounds Bonus

Extra points (10) are awarded for each round achieved. This ensures that a 5<sup>th</sup> place in an entry of 300 earns more points than 5<sup>th</sup> place in an entry of 16.

## Podium Bonus

Further bonus points are awarded for podium places. A formula is used to allocate the bonus so that a larger competition gets more than a smaller one.

## Formula

A spreadsheet is provided on the [EVF Website](#) to illustrate the point allocation algorithms.

The algorithms can be tried with a small competition eg 16 entries and a large competition eg 300 entries.

## Results used for Ranking

Fencers are not expected to do every competition but they are expected to attend a minimum number to accumulate points.

- a) For the season starting at the 2019 Congress, ranking is based on the best two (2) results from a possible total of 5: EVF Championships and the 4 circuit events in the coming year
- b) For the seasons starting at the 2020 Congress and beyond, ranking is based on the best four (4) results from a possible total of 9: the EVF Championships and 2 years worth of circuit events

Rankings will be calculated from results within the last two (2) years of competition. Results older than two years will expire.