

THE PROCEDURE FOR SEEDING FOR THE PRELIMINARY ROUND OF EUROPEAN VETERANS FENCING INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Introduction

Currently the seeding of fencers participating in European Veterans Fencing Individual Championships is largely based on the results of the previous Individual Championships. Fencers entering EVFC championships for the first time, and therefore having no previous EVFC ranking, are given a 999 seeding. This is obviously unfair if the fencer in question is a good fencer returning after an absence or one who has achieved results at the FIE World Veterans Championships.

In order to address the above situation and to reduce the number of equal ranking points and equal seeds for the preliminary round of EVFC Individual Championships, a system of seeding for the European Veterans Fencing Individual Championships is proposed below.

PROPOSAL

The seeding of fencers for the preliminary rounds of European Veterans Fencing Championships is calculated using the seeding points achieved by addition of 3 possible seeding components at the weapon and age category in question.

Seeding Component 1 - EVFC Ranking Points (S_1)

The current European Veterans Fencing Ranking Points for the fencer, calculated from the two previous and consecutive European Veterans Fencing Individual Championships, and which is displayed on the EVFC website.

Seeding Component 2 - FIE World Championships Ranking (S_2)

The seeding points allocated for the overall ranking achieved in the latest FIE World Championships at the weapon and age category in question. The seeding points allocated are determined using the World Championships Seeding Points allocation in Table 2.

Seeding Component 3 - National Veterans Ranking (S_3)

Any participant who does not have seeding points from components 1 and/or 2 above may be awarded seeding points, by the Directoire Technique, based on their relative national ranking as follows. The four relatively highest ranked in the national ranking, from a country, determined at the latest one month before the first day of the European Championships, who do not have seeding points from both Component 1 and/or Component 2 above will be allocated seeding points as shown in the following Table 1.

Table 1: Allocation of seeding points to fencers who do not have seeding points from Component 1 or Component 2

Un-seeded participants National Veterans Ranking	EVFC Championships Seeding Points allocated (S_3)
The relatively highest nationally ranked un-seeded fencer	8
The second relatively highest nationally ranked un-seeded fencer	6
The third relatively highest nationally ranked un-seeded fencer	4
The fourth relatively highest nationally ranked un-seeded fencer	2

Participants National Veterans Rankings must be declared, by the National Federation or the National Veterans Association, on the Championship Entry Form which should arrive at the Championship organisers address no later than one month before the first day of the championships.

For verification purposes the national rankings should be published by countries on their Federation or National Veterans Association website. If a participant's national ranking cannot be verified by reference to his/her countries Veterans Fencing website then seeding points will not be awarded.

Seeding

The points awarded for components 1, 2 and 3 above are added together to produce the overall number of Seeding Points: $S = S_1 + S_2 + S_3$

The fencer with the highest number of Seeding Points (S) at a particular weapon and age category is the highest seed and all others are seeded in descending order according to the total number of Seeding Points allocated.

Table 2: Allocation of Seeding Points for European Veterans Fencing Individual Championships from the Current ranking at the FIE World Championships

FIE World Championships overall ranking	EVFC Seeding Points allocated (S ₂)	FIE World Championships overall ranking	EVFC Seeding Points allocated (S ₂)
1 st	64.0	33 rd	6.0
2 nd	52.0	34 th	5.9
3 rd	40.0	35 th	5.8
5 th	30.0	36 th	5.7
6 th	28.0	37 th	5.6
7 th	26.0	38 th	5.5
8 th	24.0	39 th	5.4
9 th	22.0	40 th	5.3
10 th	21.0	41 st	5.2
11 th	20.0	42 nd	5.1
12 th	19.0	43 rd	5.0
13 th	18.0	44 th	4.9
14 th	17.0	45 th	4.8
15 th	16.0	46 th	4.7
16 th	15.0	47 th	4.6
17 th	14.0	48 th	4.5
18 th	13.5	49 th	4.4
19 th	13.0	50 th	4.3
20 th	12.5	51 st	4.2
21 st	12.0	52 nd	4.1
22 nd	11.5	53 rd	4.0
23 rd	11.0	54 th	3.9
24 th	10.5	55 th	3.8
25 th	10.0	56 th	3.7
26 th	9.5	57 th	3.6
27 th	9.0	58 th	3.5
28 th	8.5	59 th	3.4
29 th	8.0	60 th	3.3
30 th	7.5	61 st	3.2
31 st	7.0	62 nd	3.1
32 nd	6.5	63 rd	3.0
		64 th	2.9

Note

The scales above has been developed to give a more gradual spread of points between the Direct Elimination transition points in order to reduce the number of equal ranking points allocated and the number of equal seeds for the preliminary round of EVFC Individual Championships.