

Rules for European Veterans Fencing Championships

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1. General

- i) The chief activity of the EVFC in promoting veterans fencing is to seek and approve applications to host a European Veterans Fencing Championship each year, ideally in a different European country each year, Individual and Team in alternate years. No country to organise two events of the same type. It must be Individual followed by Team or vice versa.
- ii) The Individual and Team events are to be held in alternate years, the Team event in “even“ years and the Individual event in “odd“ years. The EVFC has recommended that the date of the European competition will be during Ascension week, exceptions possible if absolutely necessary.
- iii) The EVFC accepts no responsibility for the running of European Championships events. The event organisers are responsible for all costs, organisation, administration, safety, sponsorship and publicity.
- iv) The EVFC may seek approval for limited departure from FIE competition rules that are appropriate for veteran fencers, but nonetheless competitors must have their names and country code on the backs of their jacket at Epée or lames at Foil and Sabre and FIE Health and Safety regulations apply.
- v) The entries of the fencers to EVFC Championships to be made exclusively by the National Veterans' Associations where existing, or by the country representative, and not by individual fencers.
- vi) In team championships, Gold Silver and 1 Bronze medal to be awarded for each weapon.
- vii) In individual championships, Gold, Silver and 2 Bronze medals to be awarded for each weapon in each age group. Blank medals may be obtained from Austria, but this is not obligatory.
- viii) Transparent masks for sabre are not obligatory.
- ix) If the score is equal at end of time, the priority rule to be used.
- x) If a fencer withdraws from a competition, he/she will not be allowed to re-join the event.
- xi) The EVFC accepts referees over 60 years.

2. Eligibility

- i) For the purposes of the Championships, “Veteran” is defined as 40 years and over. Eligibility to compete in a particular age group or team is decided by age on the first day of tournament.
- ii) Each competitor must be a citizen or subject of a constitutional part of Europe as defined by the European Fencing Confederation.
- iii) An eligible competitor may represent the country of his or her birth provided that he or she is a citizen or subject of that country.
- iv) If an eligible competitor wishes to represent a European country other than that of his or her birth, he or she must have been ordinarily resident in that country for a minimum continuous period of twelve months during the twentyfour months prior to the closing date of the entries to the European Veterans Fencing Championships concerned.
- v) Where a competitor has already competed in the European Championships for one celebration of the Championships he or she may represent another European country at a future celebration provided that they are eligible, with the approval of the EVFC and written permission of the fencing federation for the country for whom the participant is registering to compete
- vi) If a fencer has represented one country in a European Veteran Championship, Team or Individual, he/she may not represent another country at the next European Veterans Championship.

- vii) If a fencer has multiple nationalities he/she may choose the country he/she wishes to represent. If he/she has already represented one country in a European Veterans Championship, Team or Individual, he/she may not represent another country at the next European Championships.
- viii) If a fencer has changed representation from one country to another he/she may not represent the prior country or any other country at the next two European Veterans Championships
- iv) An eligible competitor must produce the following at registration for a European Veterans Fencing Championships
 1. A valid passport or identity card (for identification, proof of European Citizenship and confirmation of date of birth) and, if fencing for a country other than of his or her birth, proof of ordinary residence for the required period in that country.
 2. A valid licence card from the national fencing federation for the country for whom the participant is registering to compete
 3. The Entry fee in Euros or the equivalent in the local currency.

3. Individual Championships

- i) There are four age groups: 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 and over. Every fencer can only start in the age group to which he or she belongs.
- ii) When fewer than 6 fencers enter a particular age group event, competition organisers are recommended to combine their event with the next nearest age group but provide separate results.
- iii) If possible, no participants should be eliminated in the first round of a tournament or - if necessary for running the tournament - as few as possible.
- iv) The seeding round is followed by Direct Elimination without repechage, bouts of 10 hits in six minutes, i.e. two periods of three minutes, separated by one minute rest.
- v) Participating countries are obliged to supply referees as a minimum per weapon per day according to the following formula

Less than 5 entries	0 referee to be supplied
5 to 9 entries	1 referee to be supplied
10 to 14 entries	2 referees to be supplied
15 to 19 entries	3 referees to be supplied
20 or more entries	4 referees to be supplied

- vi) The Championship organisers will supply all referees with drinks and refreshments when working.

4. Team Championships

- i) Composition of teams is single sex, teams of three with a minimum aggregate age of 150 years for men's teams and 140 years for women's teams, plus up to two reserves. Substitution of reserves (only one per match) must maintain compliance with the aggregate age requirement.
- ii) The losers of the semi-finals have to fence for the Bronze medal.
- iii) Each country may enter only one team per weapon.
- iv) Fencing mode is 5-hit bouts, not the relay system.