

Minutes of Meeting

Date	04 Nov 20
Location	Holiday Inr
Time	10:30:10
End Time	00:00:17
Present	GA/MS/GP/JRM/LW/CM/LW/MS/BD(Sk)

Outstanding Actions

#	Action	Who	Status	View
721	BVF INTERNATIONAL OPEN 2019: DR to investigate foreign domestic circuit timetables and report.	DR	Done	
741	WMO DFO to investigate venue/date for this competition.	EVG	Done	
749	WMO alternative. DFO to approach home country Veteran associations to each run an annual ranking competition to a consistent format.	EVG	Done	
750	BVF Championships and Age Groups 2019. DFO to contact MFC and LP Centre on availability for 1-3 March and 11/12 May respectively and approach prospective Event Managers.	EVG	Done	
751	BVF Championships and Age Groups 2019. DFO to confirm venues/dates and advise JRM. JRM to publish details on BVF Calendar.	JRM, EVG	Done	
753	AGM documentation. LB/JRM to circulate amended constitution with AGM papers by 13th August 2018.	JRM, GA	Done	
754	Proposal for EVF Team Championships. The committee discussed DR's proposal and agreed that it should be presented to EVF Congress for consideration. GA (EVF representative) to send to EVF. Committee thanked DR for his work on this.	GA	Done	

New Actions and Decisions

#	Action	A/D	Who
755	Legionella Incident: GA to compile a file of information and contact other heads of international delegations.	A	GA
756	Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to John and Sonya Mason for all their finance work for the committee.	D	

757	GDPR: Lucy and Beth to review existing documentation to produce any new policy or procedures required.	A	BD, LCW
758	BVF MEMBERSHIP CARD; MJS to investigate the possibilities of issuing cards to new members.	A	MJS
759	EXAMINER FOR BVF ACCOUNTS: CC to contact David Exeter.	A	CC
760	BVF EXPENSES POLICY: CC to review policy.	A	CC
761	DATA CONTROLLER: JRM and MJS to liaise .	A	JRM, MJS
762	BVF AWARD: GA to investigate possibilities and costings.	A	CC, GA
763	WINTON CUP: MS to liaise with Carol Winton regarding an additional donation.	A	MS
764	RISK ASSESSMENT; GA and JRM to add this to the job description for Event Managers.	A	GA, JRM
765	EVF CONGRESS REPRESENTATIVE: JRM proposed that GA be the representative for 2019 Congress. 2nd: LEW unami	D	
766	SELECTION FOR 2019: The National Championships and Age Groups will be run as normal. For selection to the Worlds the European Individual Championships will count as a third competition. The 4 fencers with the best 2 results from the 3 competitions will be selected. proposed: Graham Paul 2nd: Carl Morris vote: 5-4 for	D	
767	CHAIRMAN OF SELECTORS: CC proposed to appoint Carl Morris. 2nd by Graham Paul. unami	D	
768	CHAIRMAN OF SELECTORS : In the future if the Chairman of Selectors is not a voting committee member they will be co-opted on to committee as a non-voting member. proposed by CC; 2nd LW unami	D	
769	RANKING SUB-COMMITTEE: JRN, GP, LEW appointed.	D	
770	SEEDING PROCEDURE: CM to do seeding from the ranking scheme for competitions.	A	CM

Sunday 4 November 2018

10.30 am

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Chairman's welcome to new committee members – where we are and the best way forward
3. Outstanding actions (minutes)

4. Chairman's report

5. Finance

- a. Treasurer's Report – CC/JRM
- b. Membership Secretary's Report - JRM
- c. Estimate of surplus/loss for 2018 and estimate of assets at year end
- d. BVF membership cards – not issued for 2018. Decision for 2019
- e. Appointment of Examiner for BVF accounts
- f. BVF Expenses policy – review

6. Domestic

- a. Domestic Fencing Officer's report - LEW
- b. TM's report on Winton – MS
- c. Proposal from Carole Winton – MS

7. International

- a. International Fencing Officer's report- GP
- b. TM's report on World Championships – GA
- c. Germany match – initial ideas
- d. FIE Veterans Council's proposal to amend age categories for World Championships

8. Selection and ranking

- a. Selection for 2019 – proposal (document circulated) – GP
- b. Selection for 2020 – European Teams and Worlds to include the ranking system – JRM
- c. Appointment of Chairman of Selectors
- d. Ranking system – nomination of domestic and international events to be included 2019
- e. Appeals procedure – possible introduction
- f. Seeding procedure – possible introduction

9. 2019 Events – dates and venues

BVF Championships
BVF Age Groups
BVF WMO

BVF Winton

Hampshire Open

BVF AGM – date and location

Any other events

10. Any other business

11. Date of next meeting

Chairman’s Report to Committee – November 2018

Following the AGM the BVF committee has a new structure.

My grateful thanks go to those members, who are no longer serving, for their hard work and support:

Lawrence Burr, Duncan Rowlands, Jonathan Stanbury, Ev van Gemeren.
Also to John and Sonya Mason.

A very warm welcome to all newly elected members:

Caroline Clancy, Carl Morris, Beth Davidson, Graham Paul, Marcia Stretch, Mike Swiffin, Lindsay Watkiss and Lucy Wright.

I am very pleased that John Mason has accepted the co-opted role of IT Consultant and that Malcolm Fare continues as Publicity Officer.

The last year was not an easy time for the previous committee and several therefore decided that they would not stand for re-election. I sincerely hope that the issues that caused their decisions will not continue.

I am positive that the new committee can work together as a team and move forward in an open, honest and transparent way, for the benefit of the whole membership, and I look forward to a bright future for BVF. The committee has structured roles, and portfolios will be made available and assigned. All new committee members have been given their published job descriptions with an invitation to review, but I have not received any comments.

The previous committee worked hard for future plans for BVF and I hope that the new committee will consolidate and carry on with these.

The main event since the AGM has been the World Championships, Livorno. Congratulations to the squad on some excellent results. Finishing 5th on the medal table the medal haul was: 2 gold, 4 silver and 3 bronze. (Details in Team Manager’s report.)

My thoughts and best wishes go to Stephen Rennie, Andy Bornemisza and their families.

Gillian Aghajan
Team Manager

Report on Winton Cup 2018

All bookings were in hand prior to the Winton Cup including venue, hotel, dinner and DT. John Mason had put all the relevant information on the website and as usual had done an excellent job of taking the entries and dinner bookings. Unfortunately I only found out a week beforehand that there were to be three additional cups that had been donated – ladies sabre, mens and ladies epee – which increased the workload for DT very considerably. Thankfully John Mason volunteered to help rather than having to try and recruit someone else so that the two Johns – John Mason and John Crouch collated the individuals results and Mike Robinson and I worked upstairs on the team results as well as additional help from Nick Stokes who was unable to fence this year,

To my shock and horror on arrival on Friday evening to lay pistes, etc I found out that none of the showers were working as apparently there had been a problem with the plumbing and a new part to resolve this had not arrived in time. The Duty Manager did, however, inform me there were showers available near Reception albeit a short walk away. I also had to call the Duty Manager a couple of times as a result of toilets not flushing properly which he resolved.

A couple of fencers required plasters for minor scrapes to their hands. Although I had purchased a first aid kit the previous year that contained plasters, I was unaware they had all been used. I have made a note to replace these in time for the next competition as the first aid kit is kept with all the equipment needed for the organisation of a competition.

On the Sunday a.m., one of our female fencers who was watching the fencing was taken ill with apparent heart palpitations. I was immediately informed and rang the Duty Manager as all the staff at Lillieshall are qualified first aiders and he came straight away. It was decided to call an ambulance but the fencer asked for one of the fencers (who is a doctor) to attend her which she did when I found her in the hall. After a short time, it was decided that an ambulance was not required as the fencer then felt considerably better – and I kept an eye on her just in case. We had 3 doctors/fencers present in the competition, one of whom is an A & E consultant. They have all agreed that at any future Winton Cup that they may be called upon should they be needed if they are present at the Winton Cup.

The majority of the fencers were very understanding about the lack of showers although there were the inevitable complaints from those people who always complain about something – without fail!

Carol Winton again came to present the Winton Cup and was delighted to see and meet so many fencers. At the time, I sat with her with a cuppa as she wished to make a donation towards the veterans Winton Cup. Several ideas were discussed and I said that I would put the matter before committee at the next meeting.

I have received many emails congratulating me on the organisation of the Winton Cup and how much fencers enjoy this competition, I have been in discussion with Lillieshall regarding the problems on that weekend and subsequently received a reduction in the account. I also looked at the very new Jubilee Hall which has a slightly larger hall than Welbeck, excellent changing facilities, shower block, toilets and lockers as well as separate rooms for DT. I have

asked if this could be booked for 2019. I hope to hear in the next few weeks. I carried out a scratch survey regarding continuing to hold the event at Lillieshall and despite the problems of the showers etc there was a majority vote of 53 to stay and 33 against with the suggestion of locating to Nottingham University which is at least an hour further north.

NB: I have now received confirmation of the booking of the Jubilee Hall at Lillieshall for the weekend of 28/29 September. This is a very new building with excellent shower and toilet blocks, changing rooms and lockers. Rooms for admin. There is also a wheelchair lift. Parking is in the usual car park. Routine will still be the same i.e: laying out pistes and equipment on the Friday evening.

Marcia Stretch

2 November 2018

World's 2018

Results

GB came 5th in the medal table. (4th last year)

In the individual events cat A 1 medal, cat B 2 medals & C won 3 medals.

This continues a trend of achieving better results in the older age groups,

The real plus in the results was in winning both foil teams, a first for GB.

On a weapon basis Foil won 6 medals, sabre 3 and epee 1.

Improving Results-

For team events the captain should be non-fencing. Doing this for men's foil was a great help and not having one may have cost a gold in women's sabre.

Team event tactics particularly for epee should be practiced.

Selection for team event should be at the discretion of selectors, either before event or at the world's. This should be decided on a case by case basis for each category, (the choice may be clear before the event)

Use of video replay should be practiced.

Other individuals should be encouraged to stay and support the team (Richard Sage was very helpful for foil team).

Training sessions, perhaps on a regional basis should be considered. As well as fencing, these should include preparation, tactical awareness including the latest refereeing interpretations and the use of video replay.

Team Spirit

I thought that some of the other teams were more together as a team. Using accommodation spread out over a large area, numbers involved and having newcomers to the team all contributed problems in developing team spirit.

Solutions-

Try to have team members staying closer together.

Appoint team captains for each weapon.

Improve communication, WhatsApp group for each team/weapon?

Training sessions with an evening social event before competition.

Discipline

I observed one particular incident where the fencer came close to being given a black card. We have also a case in the European team event where a fencer refused to support a selection decision made by the team captain and refused to continue with the competition.

We should have a procedure to deal with disciplinary issues.

Graham Paul

4 November 2018

World Championships, Livorno 2018

Results

This was the largest World Championships to date and Great Britain had very creditable results, finishing 5th on the medal table. Both foil teams won gold medals.



XXII Veterans Fencing World Championships

LIVORNO (ITA) 08-14/10/2018

	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
FRA	4	4	5	13
GER	4	2	7	13
ITA	4	1	9	14
USA	3	3	6	12
GBR	2	4	3	9
FIN	2	0	1	3
RUS	1	5	1	7
JPN	1	1	4	6
SWE	1	1	1	3
CAN	1	1	0	2
AUT	1	0	3	4
HKG	0	1	0	1
BEL	0	1	0	1
NED	0	0	1	1
ESP	0	0	1	1

Medals

Gold:

Mens Foil Team -

Kola Abidogun, Mike McKay, Tony Bartlett, Paul Wedge, Brian Causton and Graham Paul

Womens Foil Team -

Caron Hale, Gillian Worman, Sheila Anderson, Jenny Morris, Janet Cooksey and Clare Halsted

Silver:

Womens Sabre Team - Caroline Clancy, Michele Narey, Jane Hutchison, Yvonne Walls, Silvia Brown and Vivien Frith

Kola Abidogun - MF Cat A

Silvia Brown - WS Cat C

Graham Paul - MF Cat C

Bronze:

Sheila Anderson - WF Cat B
Jane Hutchison - WS Cat B
Susan Uff - WE Cat C

There were several L8s:

Brian Causton - 5th MF Cat C
Robin Davenport - 5th ME Cat C
Vivien Frith - 5th WS Cat C
Ingrid Heskett - 5th WE Cat A
Paul Wedge - 5th MF Cat B
Margaret Myers - 7th WF Cat C
Michele Narey - 8th WS Cat A

Mens Epee Team - 5th – Keith Barnett, Will Miller, Hugh Kernohan, Neal Mallett, Ralph Johnson and Howard West

Mens Sabre Team - 6th - Rob Penton, Duncan Rowlands, Barry Coulter, Stephen Rennie, Andy Bornemisza and Richard Cohen.

Venue

The venue was Modigliani Forum, Livorno, a sports arena, that was inaugurated in 2004. The arena can contain 8000 spectators and it is currently the biggest arena in Tuscany.

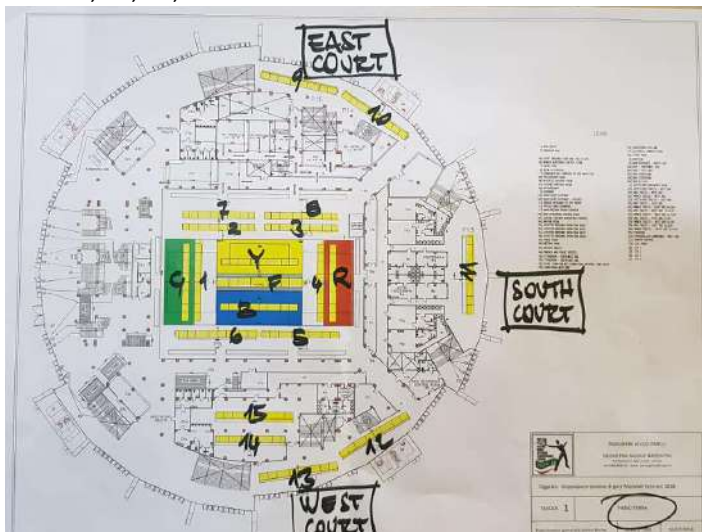
Piste layout

Ground (1st) floor:

Main hall – Pistes 1-8, red, yellow, green, blue and finals piste

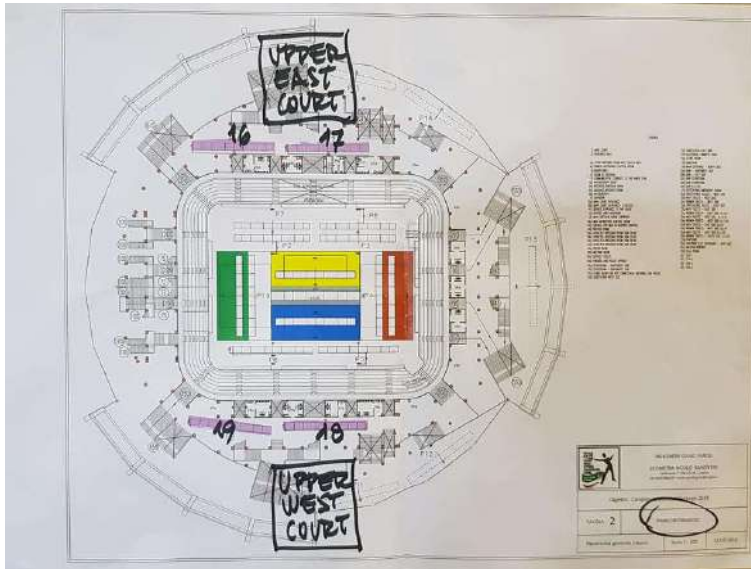
Small room – pistes 14 and 15.

Pistes 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 in outer corridors



2nd floor:

Pistes 16-19



It was initially difficult to locate pistes 9-19, but the diagrams (as above) were posted on various pillars and walls so that fencers could find the pistes more easily. There were some complaints that pistes 9-19 were isolated, the lighting was variable and they were not easy to find.

Accommodation

As is now the normal procedure for World and European Championships, accommodation needed to be booked by fencers via the competition website. Ideally, it would be good to have a team hotel but it is no longer possible to block book any of the official hotels. I recommended 3 official hotels to the squad covering a range of prices. Some fencers had informed me that they were staying at Marilia Suites (Apartments), one of the official accommodations, with a request to inform others to consider staying there. Fencers are increasingly making alternative arrangements through booking agencies such as booking.com or Airbnb. Several fencers travel with partners to have a holiday as well as fence and prefer not to stay with a group. Some have a bigger budget than others. All these factors make it very difficult to endeavour to get fencers to stay in the same hotel.

Organisation

The organisation and running of the event was generally very good. The schedule mostly ran on time, not an easy task. Security was strict for the poules and early round DEs to ensure that people were not overcrowding the pistes. Results were shown on screens (3) and hard copies posted on a results wall. The opening ceremony was professional and entertaining and included a tribute to Max Geuter. The medal presentations were well run.

Accreditation and weapon control was busy on the first day, with some queueing, but settled as the event progressed.

Referees

I received one written complaint by email but have not been requested to relay this to the organisers. Video refereeing was used for semi-finals and finals with these matches live fed.

Summary

Overall, the event was very well run. The level of fencing was very high and it is becoming increasingly more difficult for fencers to win medals. The spread of pistes made it difficult to support all fencers and there were a few times when matches were brought forward i.e. not published times. Livorno Fencing Club (Accademia Della Scherma Livorno) had offered a training camp before the start of the event, with daily rates. Information about this was posted on Facebook and sent to all

the squad by email (update 8). To the best of my knowledge none of our fencers took this offer up. Members of some other teams including Australia did.

Incidents and medical issues – reported separately in a confidential report.

Gillian Aghajan
Team Manager

Proposal for Veteran's Worlds Selection 2019

I have spoken to a number of the team at the Worlds in Italy. The reaction was favourable and there was no objection raised to using 2 results from 3 competitions.

After these discussions and in particular with a long talk with Carl as Chair of the selectors, I have firmed up with the details of my proposal which follows in red below. A discussion follows.

Selection Proposal

We run the Nationals and Age groups as normal, but then also count the European individuals as a third competition. Selection for 3 fencers is then done for the 3 fencers with the best 2 results from the 3 competitions. The fourth place is then decided as a discretionary place chosen by the selectors.

(The rationale of using the Europeans is that anyone wishing to compete seriously at the Worlds should be taking part, and the cost of competing will be much less than taking part in the Worlds).

Age Group Format

The age group competition could move away from the poule unique format for the larger entry numbers. (As we are using 3 competitions the need to try to reduce 'freak' results is reduced). I would suggest that for less than 12 we use the poule unique system, but with greater entries we either use a straight poule system with elimination or poules followed by DE.

Points for Selection Ranking System

At present it is important we announce the dates of the competitions and that the best 2 from 3 results will count. The details of the actual scoring system can be confirmed at a later date.

A simple system would be to separate out each age group from the overall results. Hence the best placed fencer from an age group in a competition with a number of age groups would be ranked 1, the second best placed fencer from that age group would be ranked 2 etc. The first place fencer would score 1 point, second 2 points, third 3 points etc. The fencer with the lowest score from their 2 best results would be ranked 1 etc. A tie breaker could be their result in the third competition. Any other type of points system becomes problematic when separating out the age groups from any combined age group competition.

Alternatively we could give each 1st placed fencer 100 points, the last placed 1 point and the intermediate places given points linearly spread between 100 and 1.

Background and Discussion

We need to consider whether we should change the current selection system. Our competition structure should enable a fair and reliable selection system whilst encouraging membership participation.

Current Ranking System

We currently have a trial ranking system, which includes a number of Open and Foreign competitions.

The primary purpose of this is to increase participation. This necessitates having a large number of possible competitions to compete in. For most vets it will be impractical to compete in all the possible competitions, (particularly for those competing at more than 1 weapon, and for some competitions it might not be possible to do more than 1 weapon). The strengths and size of the competitions will vary and hence it will be very difficult to compare results from different competitions. There is an attempt to define a strength of each competition, but there is no guarantee that it will give the 'right' answer. There is no intention of using it for selection for at least another season and probably longer. It is unlikely that it will be suitable in its current format for selection of the older Veteran categories.

It may be that at some time in the future we give 1 selection place to the winner of the ranking in each age group, but I would be very wary of using it to select all 4 places for the Worlds.

Open Nationals

We learnt from the 2017 AGM that the membership want to have an open Nationals. (Voting was almost unanimous). It was demonstrated last year that if the Open Nationals is not part of the ranking system the entry numbers will be decreased.

Most selection systems use some sort of scoring based on a number of competitions. BVF currently run 2 competitions- Open Nationals and single Age group competition. However there are 2 difficulties of using a scoring system based on these 2 competitions.-

1. Combining the results from 2 competitions would mean that any fencer missing a competition would almost certainly not be selected. (However this problem would disappear if we took the best 2 results from 3 (or more) competitions).
2. It is difficult to combine results from the 2 types of competitions, particularly for the older fencers.

Due to these difficulties BVF has stuck to selecting places from individual competitions. For the Worlds selection we currently use an Age group competition (3 selected) and a Nationals (1 selected).

For comparison the US select using the best 2 results from 3 competitions, and separate the age groups entirely. However their entry numbers are approximately 4 times as large as ours.

Our age group competitions are run as a poule unique as this gives a more 'reliable' result.

Numbers 2018

Age groups- WF 23, WE 34, WS 17 (Age group Numbers reduced by 20% due to the weather)

MF 42, ME 62, MS 35

Nationals WF 20, WE 37, WS 21

MF 45, ME 62, MS 37

The Future

Clearly we cannot use Europeans in 2020, so will have to find other competitions.

We might consider adding an extra competition in subsequent years (i.e. the Hampshire), and count the 3 best results. Although this might not be popular with some of the more senior fencers.

We may also consider using some specific foreign competitions as part of the selection scheme.

GRP Nov 18

Ranking Tables

This document analyses the performance of the Ranking System introduced in 2018.

The ranking tables are produced by taking BVF members results from a range of competitions. I originally included the World Championships results but have removed them now as their inclusion was seen as unfair by some members.

The current list of ranking events are:

Ranking List

Ranking is based on the best 3 results in recent events:

- European Individual Championships, Chiavari, Italy
- BVF Championships 2017, Manchester Fencing Centre
- BVF 2017 Summer Selection Event, Bletchley Leisure Centre, Milton Keynes
- West Midlands Open 2017, Dudley, West Midlands
- BVF Open Championships 2017, Leon Paul Fencing Centre, London
- Essex Open 2017, Colchester
- French Vets Circuit, Faches Thumenil (nr Lille)
- French Vets Circuit, Saint-Maur (near Paris) - Indiv & teams
- West Midlands Open 2018, Dudley, West Midlands
- BVF Championships 2018, Manchester Fencing Centre
- Age Groups 2018, Leon Paul Fencing Centre, London
- Elite Epee 2018 (Jan), Millfield
- Elite Epee 2018 (Jun), Newcastle
- Hampshire Vets Open 2018,

I have taken the ranking tables and cut and pasted the top 6 results from each category into this document.

I then looked at the selection made for the 2018 World Championships to see how selection from the ranking tables compared with selection just from the BVF Championships and Age Groups.

I suggest that the ranking system generally chose the right fencers. There are some anomalies eg the fencer who achieved selection at the BVF Championships and did not see the need to compete in any other veteran event.

The ranking events for 2019 should be identified. **I propose** that the present mix of BVF, open, EVF and European events be continued. The selection of events I think should cover more than 12 months. **I propose** that a ranking sub-committee be formed excluding fencers with an interest in being selected. The sub-committee would have the authority to adjust the parameters of the point mechanisms.

I propose that the membership be consulted on adopting the ranking system in its present form for the selection of representative events for 2020.

I propose that the committee discuss adopting the ranking system in its present form for the selection of representative events for 2019.

John M

Weapon Category Found 44 fencers

Id	Surname	Firstname	YOB	Age	Events	Points	Rank	View
1113	TROIANO	John	1959	59	5	174.2	1	View
1418	MCKAY	Mike	1967	51	8	173.9	2	View
908	KIY	Jeffrey	1965	53	6	151.8	3	View
808	GAJADHARSINGH	Gerry	1963	55	4	128.3	4	View
1891	ABIDOGUN	Kola	1966	52	4	125	5	View
1557	GRIFFIN	Adrian	1967	51	4	123.6	6	View

Filter
 Weapon Category Found 21 fencers Search

Id	Surname	Firstname	YOB	Age	Events	Points	Rank	View
1569	WEDGE	Paul	1955	63	6	178.2	1	View
677	BARTLETT	Anthony	1955	63	5	161.9	2	View
1293	MEDHURST	Michael	1956	62	4	148	3	View
881	HYDE	John	1957	61	7	132.2	4	View
804	FOX	Steve	1950	68	3	112.8	5	View
928	LOWEN	Paul	1952	66	3	92.7	6	View

Filter
 Weapon Category Found 15 fencers Search

Id	Surname	Firstname	YOB	Age	Events	Points	Rank	View
991	PAUL	Graham	1947	71	8	160	1	View
724	CAUSTON	Brian	1945	73	4	153.7	2	View
839	HARDEN	Paul	1946	72	6	102.3	3	View
734	COHEN	Richard	1947	71	2	77.8	4	View
725	CAWTON	Malcolm	1942	76	2	55.4	5	View
701	BRADBURY	Mike	1945	73	2	52.5	6	View

Weapon Category Found 47 fencers

Id	Surname	Firstname	YOB	Age	Events	Points	Rank	View
674	BARNETT	Keith	1966	52	4	146.2	1	View
1300	EAMES	Pete	1960	58	6	126.4	2	View
1121	WARD	Granville	1960	58	5	125.5	3	View
1557	GRIFFIN	Adrian	1967	51	3	117.3	4	View
1011	PINK	Simon	1964	54	6	107.6	5	View
727	CHRISP	Tom	1967	51	5	104.5	6	View

Weapon Category Found 29 fencers

Id	Surname	Firstname	YOB	Age	Events	Points	Rank	View
935	MALLETT	Neal	1957	61	3	154.6	1	View
1625	KERNOHAN	Hugh	1958	60	4	140.2	2	View
881	HYDE	John	1957	61	7	124.2	3	View
707	BROWN	Andrew	1949	69	6	120.2	4	View
1083	STANBURY	Jonathan	1951	67	7	112.6	5	View
705	BROOKS	Rob	1953	65	9	110	6	View

Weapon Category Found 18 fencers

Id	Surname	Firstname	YOB	Age	Events	Points	Rank	View
986	OSBALDESTON	William	1940	78	6	166.4	1	View
991	PAUL	Graham	1947	71	8	153.9	2	View
724	CAUSTON	Brian	1945	73	3	138.2	3	View
889	JOHNSON	Ralph	1948	70	3	127.9	4	View
1165	PHELPS	Robert	1939	79	7	111.1	5	View
760	DAVENPORT	Robin	1946	72	3	106.1	6	View

Weapon **Mens Sabre** Category **Category 2** Found 30 fencers

Id	Surname	Firstname	YOB	Age	Events	Points	Rank	View
1047	ROWLANDS	Duncan	1966	52	7	166.4	1	View
960	MOFFAT	Carl	1967	51	4	105.7	2	View
872	HOWES	Peter	1964	54	2	91.8	3	View
1443	DAVIDSON	Keith	1966	52	2	73	4	View
1041	ROGERSON	Keith	1964	54	2	72.8	5	View
1115	VAN GEMEREN	Evert	1961	57	6	70.7	6	View
1557	CRIFFIN	Adrian	1967	51	2	69.6	7	View

Weapon **Mens Sabre** Category **Category 3** Found 11 fencers

Id	Surname	Firstname	YOB	Age	Events	Points	Rank	View
1017	PREVETT	Chris	1954	64	4	145.2	1	View
751	COULTER	Barry	1957	61	5	138	2	View
967	MORRIS	Carl	1951	67	9	127	3	View
1026	RENNIE	Stephen	1957	61	4	125.5	4	View
1581	GARRITY	Mike	1949	69	4	85	5	View
702	BRENDA	Paul	1950	68	3	49.9	6	View
1438	TOMS	Martin	1954	64	4	45.7	7	View

Weapon **Mens Sabre** Category **Category 4** Found 11 fencers

Id	Surname	Firstname	YOB	Age	Events	Points	Rank	View
986	OSBALDESTON	William	1940	78	4	150.1	1	View
734	COHEN	Richard	1947	71	4	144.9	2	View
676	BARON	Peter	1942	76	8	126.6	3	View
739	COMPTON	Michael	1946	72	4	103.3	4	View
725	CAWTON	Malcolm	1942	76	5	96.6	5	View
695	BORNEMISZA	Andy	1945	73	4	69.3	6	View

Filter
 Weapon **Womens Foil** Category **Category 2** Found 17 fencers

Id	Surname	Firstname	YOB	Age	Events	Points	Rank	View
1158	WORMAN	Gillian	1960	58	6	174.9	1	View
826	HALE	Caron	1959	59	8	166	2	View
1650	MORWELL-NEAVE	Kate	1967	51	3	124.1	3	View
664	ARCHER	Kati	1960	58	5	116.4	4	View
1793	BAXENDALE	Amanda	1967	51	2	97.7	5	View
1358	TURNBULL	Fiona	1961	57	7	92.7	6	View
857	LIBBERT	Isabelle	1965	53	4	90.0	7	View

Weapon **Womens Foil** Category **Category 3** Found 16 fencers

Id	Surname	Firstname	YOB	Age	Events	Points	Rank	View
965	MORRIS	Jenny	1955	63	7	157.1	1	View
732	CLAYTON	Jane	1954	64	8	126.5	2	View
1749	ANDERSON	Sheila	1956	62	3	125.3	3	View
950	MCNAMARA	Moya	1952	66	5	84.8	4	View
843	HARRIS	Kate	1950	68	3	63.5	5	View
1136	WHEELBAND	Marilyn	1954	64	4	62.9	6	View
827	BROOKS	Susan	1955	63	4	56.7	7	View

Weapon **Womens Foil** Category **Category 4** Found 5 fencers

Id	Surname	Firstname	YOB	Age	Events	Points	Rank	View
971	MYERS	Margaret	1947	71	8	167.8	1	View
832	HALSTED	Clare	1948	70	2	90.7	2	View
993	PAYNE	Kristin	1940	78	7	88.7	3	View
1406	UFF	Susan	1948	70	8	74.9	4	View
743	COOKSEY	Janet	1940	78	2	51	5	View

Weapon **Womens Epee** Category **Category 2** Found 19 fencers

Id	Surname	Firstname	YOB	Age	Events	Points	Rank	View
1570	HESKETT	Ingrid	1967	51	7	166.7	1	View
1510	ONIYE	Marg	1966	52	10	156.4	2	View
857	HIBBERT	Jacqueline	1965	53	4	121.9	3	View
1755	BUDDEN	Sarah	1968	50	4	108	4	View
1846	SILK	Denise	1966	52	4	102.3	5	View
1650	MORWELL-NEAVE	Kate	1967	51	3	101.2	6	View
1700	TAIT	Maggie	1950	50	5	97.0	7	View

Weapon **Womens Epee** Category **Category 3** Found 15 fencers

Id	Surname	Firstname	YOB	Age	Events	Points	Rank	View
732	CLAYTON	Jane	1954	64	9	164.6	1	View
983	OLIVER	Caryl	1952	66	8	133.8	2	View
939	MASON	Mariette	1957	61	7	126.6	3	View
878	HUTCHISON	Jane	1957	61	6	116.2	4	View
965	MORRIS	Jenny	1955	63	5	109.9	5	View
950	MCMAMARA	Moya	1952	66	5	80.5	6	View
825	HILDANE	Fiona	1950	68	2	74.4	7	View

Weapon **Womens Epee** Category **Category 4** Found 8 fencers

Id	Surname	Firstname	YOB	Age	Events	Points	Rank	View
783	BROWN	Silvia J	1947	71	5	129.1	1	View
743	COOKSEY	Janet	1940	78	3	113	2	View
971	MYERS	Margaret	1947	71	5	100.8	3	View
1406	UFF	Susan	1948	70	7	96	4	View
708	BROWN	Sylvia	1936	82	4	95.9	5	View
1054	SEHEULT	Carole	1942	76	8	75.9	6	View
657	ADAM	Carrie	1937	81	4	76.4	7	View

Weapon **Womens Sabre** Category **Category 2** Found 12 fencers

Id	Surname	Firstname	YOB	Age	Events	Points	Rank	View
972	NAREY	Michele	1964	54	7	174.7	1	View
729	CLANCY	Caroline	1962	56	7	111.9	2	View
1031	COULTER	Grace	1962	56	4	103.2	3	View
855	HENDRA	Vanessa	1963	55	2	71.4	4	View
1150	WILLIAMS	Lynn	1964	54	6	66.2	5	View
826	HALE	Caron	1959	59	2	63	6	View
1601	HARRISON	Wendy	1964	54	4	33.3	7	View

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Weapon **Womens Sabre** Category **Category 3** Found 8 fencers

Id	Surname	Firstname	YOB	Age	Events	Points	Rank	View
878	HUTCHISON	Jane	1957	61	7	180	1	View
965	MORRIS	Jenny	1955	63	5	156.8	2	View
1120	WALLS	Yvonne	1952	66	7	131.4	3	View
685	BENNEY	Sue	1951	67	2	60.4	4	View
696	BORNEMISZA	Lynne	1953	65	3	44.5	5	View
1053	SCHOFIELD	Julie	1953	65	1	25.5	6	View
802	FINDLAY	Angela	1954	64	3	21.6	7	View

Weapon **Womens Sabre** Category **Category 4** Found 8 fencers

Id	Surname	Firstname	YOB	Age	Events	Points	Rank	View
806	FRITH	Vivien	1947	71	7	180	1	View
783	BROWN	Silvia J	1947	71	4	124.7	2	View
971	MYERS	Margaret	1947	71	2	31.9	3	View
1059	SHEPHERD-FOSTER	Patricia	1945	73	5	27.5	4	View
708	BROWN	Sylvia	1936	82	3	26.7	5	View
1406	UFF	Susan	1948	70	3	26.3	6	View
657	ADAM	Carrie	1937	81	1	16.8	7	View

World Championships Teams – selected with 2018 rules

Entries in **red** are fencers who came in the top 4 of the ranking tables.

World Individual & Team Selections 2018					
Mens Foil	Cat A	Mike McKay	Kola Abidogun	Richard Sage	John Troiano
	Cat B	Paul Wedge	Tony Bartlett	Michael Medhurst	Paul Lowen
	Cat C	Graham Paul	Brian Causton	Paul Harden	Malcolm Cawton
Womens Foil	Cat A	Gillian Worman	Caron Hale	Fiona Turnbull	Kate Morwell-Neave
	Cat B	Jenny Morris	Sheila Anderson	Jane Clayton	Marilyn Wheelband
	Cat C	Janet Cooksey	Clare Halsted	Margaret Myers	Susan Uff
Mens Sabre	Cat A	Rob Penton	Duncan Rowlands	Adrian Griffin	Michael Thomas
	Cat B	Stephen Rennie	Barry Coulter	Chris Prevett	Carl Morris
	Cat C	Richard Cohen	Andy Bornemisza	Bill Osbaldeston	Michael Compton
Womens Sabre	Cat A	Michele Narey	Caroline Clancy	Grace Coulter	Caron Hale
	Cat B	Jane Hutchison	Yvonne Walls	Jenny Morris	Angela Findlay
	Cat C	Viv Frith	Silvia J Brown	Susan Uff	Pat Shepherd-Foster
Mens Epee	Cat A	Will Miller	Keith Barnett	Simon Pink	Paul Donnelly
	Cat B	Neal Mallett	Hugh Kernohan	Malcolm Allton	Matthew Chell
	Cat C	Howard West	Ralph Johnson	Brian Causton	Robin Davenport
Womens Epee	Cat A	Ingrid Heskett	Marg Oniye	Jacqueline Hibbert	Sarah Budden
	Cat B	Jane Clayton	Fiona Haldane	Jane Hutchison	Caryl Oliver
	Cat C	Janet Cooksey	Susan Uff	Margaret Myers	Carole Sehult

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Analysis of Ranking system for use in Worlds selection.

There is a fairly reasonable correlation between the ranking system and the team actually selected for Livorno in most of the events. Some of this is due to the small numbers taking part. In women's sabre over the 3 categories only 28 fencers were involved, hence less chance of selecting the 'wrong' fencers. However as can be seen below, in men's epee, where 95 fencers were involved over the 3 age groups, the correlation was much lower. Of the 12 selections for men's epee at the Worlds in Livorno only 5 would have been selected under the ranking system. See below

Taking results over 2 seasons causes problems for fencers coming into vets or moving up an age group.

Fencers competing in more than 1 weapon will be required to take part in an excessive number of competitions

The large range of competitions in means inevitably that some competitions will be easier to score points in than others.

Cat 2 Men's Epee Ranking

1	Barnet Keith	1
2	Pink Simon	5
3	Miller	10
4	Donnelly Paul	12

Cat 4 Men's Epee

1	Causton	3
2	Johnson	4
3	Davenport	6
4	West	10

Cat 3 Men's Epee

1.	Mallett	1
2.	Kernohan	2
3.	Chell	8
4.	Alton	10

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Feedback on FIE Veterans Council's Proposal – amended age categories for World Championships

Background

At the Heads of Delegation meeting, Livorno, a hard copy of the FIE Veterans Council's proposal for amended age categories for the World Championships was given to each Head of Delegation and feedback from team members was requested. The BVF Committee has been provided with an electronic copy.

The rationale is:

Current categories Disadvantages

- frustration of young (40-50) and old (over 80)
- Team format (one A, one B and one C) too constraining, mainly for small nations
- World Championships timetable not optimised.

The proposal is:

Veterans categories possible improvement (proposal)

- 45+
- 55+
- 65+
- 75+

Expected benefits

- to have better balanced categories
- to enhance participation of small countries

- to bring satisfaction to young and old veterans
- to increase the income of Organisers and FIE

Team Competition

Opportunity to create TWO categories

- Veterans 45+ and 55+ (at least one 55+ in team of 3)
- Grand Veterans - 65+ and 75+ (at least one 75+ in team of 3)

Format

- Team of 3 fencers + 2 substitutes
- 45 hits relay (could be hits relay for Grand Veterans)
- Poules (3 or 4) + tableau. NO classification matches
- Ranking NOT established further to individual results.

The above information has been emailed to the GBR Livorno squad feedback has been requested by 1st November (by Team Manager).

The following feedback has been received (in date order):

“I think the new proposals sound very interesting. They will certainly bring more vets into the Worlds at both ends of the age categories. 2 teams also will mean more vets taking part. Can't really see any negatives.” – WF B

“On the proposals, looking myopically at me, I would be now in 55-65 age group? I have no issue with that as get better fencing On the team unclear where 60 plus is— assume grand vets cat? I don't like this suggestion. One of the excitements is the different ages being mixed giving overall team champ. This ways v much an age team which will lower the quality significantly.” – MF B

“I am happy to support this Gillian. My only comment would be that having the team event the day after the individuals is utterly exhausting. I personally would prefer a day to rest. Only that if you are doing both and do well at the individuals is exceedingly difficult to properly prepare for a second day of competition as you finish so late on the first day. I know the reasons why it's currently scheduled that way but I'd still prefer it to have a day's rest.” – WE A

“Not convinced by the 45, 55, 65, 75 approach. I am not convinced that this really addresses the issue of the younger/older group. In my opinion it kicks the can down the road so we have 40-45 year old left out. It would seem better to add a full 40 age group and an 80+ if the demand is there. This does create an additional set of events but they are likely to be much smaller than the other events.

The team ideas I think make sense if the desire is to create additional fencing opportunities for competitors.” – MS A

“I'm not opposed to the changes for the individual event in principle, although with 3 instead of 4 categories at each weapon the event will have more fencers and take considerably longer, pushing up costs and putting a greater strain on local accommodation and transport facilities.

I have, however, severe issues with the team proposal.

This will involve fencers fighting fencers from outside of their category. I'm sure you remember my presentation on this issue to the committee after the Alkmaar event. This demonstrated that this system will not enhance the satisfaction of older fencers, it will actively lower their satisfaction.

If the team format does involve fencing opponents from a younger age group (which for me would be in 3 years) I will not accept a selection for the team event. I have no pleasure in being the old guy that gets kicked by the youngsters whose job it is to limit the damage they concede.

I do not see how this will enhance the participation of smaller countries; I would be interested in seeing the full argument demonstrating why the proposer considers the expected benefits will be delivered.” – MS A

“I think the new proposals are good ones. My one comment is over the seeding for world championships. For the last two championships the sabre teams have been ten in number, so that the third team gets a pool of four and so, when results follows seeding, it ends up first in the direct elimination. This has suited us (as it did in 2017) but seems unfair. Not sure what one does about it, though!” - MS C

“I am content to give you carte blanche on the proposals and whatever you decide I support.”
– MS B

“Re the proposals from the FIE re changes to the age categories- for myself I can see big advantages in these proposals and the new team format would get a big thumbs up from me! “ – WE C

“I really don’t have any strong views either way.

I do worry about the ability of countries to put forward a women’s sabre team if there has to be a fencer over 75 years old in the team. There were only four teams at the world in women’s sabre in 2017. That increased to seven teams this year as fencers had reached their 70th birthday eg Italy had Gardini as their only 70+ fencer.

For GB there will be lots of competition for the younger women’s sabre age group but we would struggle to put forward a strong team of five fencers over 65 years old.” – WS A

“I think any change like this will have individual winners and losers, so I’ll only comment about possible big picture implications.

In Livorno, it struck me that many fencing veterans associations would struggle put on a World Championship, not least because of the scale of venue required. I suspect that towns trying to build tourism might offer incentives, and quite possibly Cairo is the result of such a deal. An enlarged competition would make the hosting of a World Championship just that more difficult and out of reach for some countries. Moreover, those countries that could host, will have fewer venues able to accommodate the increased number of events.

Regarding the team events, I don’t think I’ll ever do the 40-60 format again. I really didn’t like Amsterdam. However, I did enjoy the Worlds format. It could be improved, I think, by allowing more substitutions - this means a team could field different fencers, of a particular style or aptitude for attack, say, in each age group. Just having the one sub means that this strategic aspect is not really used, with captains more or less sticking with the same team, regardless of being ahead or behind. Even better might be where you fence your own age group 3 times, with one substitution mandatory, and another optional, with a team total of 45 points.” – ME A

“I am broadly in favour of the change to the World Championships; the question of alignment the age categories with our age group qualifiers would have to be resolved. Assuming there would be “cooperation” and not antagonism from our members, then this should not be a problem! For me personally, since I am 72 now, it will probably mean that I will not be competing in the year that I am 74 (assuming the new system would be implemented in 2020), but then I will more likely be able to participate for more years later on. “ – MS C

“I am not sure that the category balance should be changed - why not just include a new category 40-49 years? Otherwise, I have no real opinion either way.

With regard to team format, I can't see why an older fencer could not be nominated to take the place of a younger fencer, as long as they are aware that they will receive no special concessions. I am well aware of the problems Netherlands had once Micke moved up a category. I quite like the idea of fencing just your age relevant opponent." – WF A

"Re the FIE Veterans Council Proposal on age categories for World Championships my feelings are as follow:

- I can see the merit of the 45+ category to get younger fencers involved especially as they start at 40 in the Europeans.
- I quite like the idea of having two team competitions (as in the European Teams) and can see it may attract participation by smaller countries
- I don't know if the 65+ category will make it tough for 70-75 year olds to stay involved as I think there is a sharp drop off in performance at 70. Also I query numbers in the 75+ category, but the council say they have looked at the stats so I assume it seems OK.

Overall I would support the proposal, although I would not like to see it implemented before the 2020 Worlds." – ME B

"I don't have too much to say about the proposed age category changes. It looks like a good idea, but I do wonder how many 40-45 year-old fencers there are who may not be very pleased at having their domestic Veterans Fencing delayed for a few years? Obviously it's a great idea from the point of view of participation in the World Championships, but presumably the change would be reflected at domestic level?"

I assume that you've determined that there aren't many such fencers to be affected by this, or you wouldn't be proposing this change in the first place. Maybe (in an ideal world) this might pave the way for a 35-45 category, but I'm not holding my breath.

The revised team format sounds like an improvement on the current 30-hit relay. Obviously some countries will struggle to find 75+ fencers, but at least they get to fence in the younger team event, which is good. I imagine that the proposal to drop classification matches is in order to accommodate the increase in number of matches due to the two competitions.

To summarise, it all looks good to me." – MF B

"The number of teams at the Worlds varied greatly between the weapons.

Womens sabre has always been a small group although this year for the first time Italy was able to join in as they now have a 70+ veteran woman.

In my opinion, there are not enough older women in sabre to make the introduction of an older team viable, therefore I cannot support this.

However, this may be different in other weapons, especially epee where numbers are far larger.

It may be this option could be considered only for epee initially?

To change the age groups for the individual competition I have no real opinion. Yes, it may encourage some younger vets to compete. 75+ may be a good option if there are enough competitors otherwise its a waste of time." - WS B

"My views are coloured by the difficulties we have had until 2 years ago, in fielding a Grand Vets team that could be competitive because we had no female Sabreur that was good enough to give us a chance of beating any other team. If the proposals are accepted we will be back to where we were for another 3 years.

The changes will suit France in particular, and also Germany, but not Italy, who have the same problem as we have, or Australia.

It certainly will not assist the smaller nations who will be at even more of a disadvantage than they are under the present rules. How many countries have fencers of a good standard who are aged 75 or above?

Personally, I am not too bothered – I would prefer to fence younger fencers.

I can see that what I have referred to above is only a problem in Women's Sabre so I can appreciate the reasons for the suggested changes

However, that does not answer the separate question of encouraging more people into Vets fencing.

I don't understand the reasons for changing the age groupings. I have always wondered why Vets had to wait 10 years to fence internationally - which does nothing to encourage fencers to join their national Vets organisations. Even with the proposed changes, they would have to wait 5 years, which is a long time to be in limbo. Why not just create another age group of 40 to 50? Then Vets could progress straight from Seniors to Vets without a break.

This might well encourage more fencers to join their Vets organisations and is far more likely to increase income for those organisations than making would-be Vets wait 5 years to fence at the Worlds." – WS C

“Obviously I do not have to hand all the statistics that FIE Vet Council has, to put forward these proposals.

The most obvious reason I think, for these suggestions is the complaints from 40+ fencers who are not eligible to compete at Worlds under current rules, unlike European events.

Instead of tinkering with 45+, 55+, 65+, 75+ why not just bring in a 40+ age group category and leave the other age groups as they are.

Could also include 2 teams competitions of three fencers from 40, 50+ and 60, 70+ age group categories.

There is always going to be a number of fencers of 75+ who think there should be a separate age category for them but how many 75+ fencers are there that still internationally compete. Are there any statistics to support that MORE 75+ fencers would compete if they had that age group suggestion?

If they introduce a Grand Veteran team category with a demand that at least one 75+ is in the team I think that it would be what they are saying now exists for the current team event in that “ it would constrain smaller nations from entering a team” – WF C

“I am all for it.” – WF C

“I feel that the age group categories should be widened to include 40+, as in European competitions. Setting new age groups at 45+ etc does not appear to improve matters significantly, but 40+ would attract more “youthful” Veterans. I believe this would be a much better balance of categories and increase participation of smaller countries, who are more likely to have younger rather than older fencers.

I don’t understand the logic of two categories for teams. The insistence of the Grand Veterans comprising at least one 75+ would prove difficult for GB and impossible for small countries. Perhaps if it were 40 & 50+ for Veterans and 60 & 70+ for Grand Veterans it might work? Relay of 45 hits might be good fun. I don’t understand the qualification “might be hits relay for Grand Veterans”?” – WS C

“I am not the most experienced fencer in international competitions but this seems like a sensible proposal.

Having a wider age range of fencers would increase participation.

I shall be interested to see what happens.” – WF C

“In favour of the proposal if it means a capture of a greater breadth of fencers who are given the opportunity to compete at such a level - and the making of a more interesting team format - and hopefully capture more of the imagination about veteran fencing.

A good idea to have something for the young (40+) fencers something to aim for earlier, and the old to continue, if they so choose.” – WE A

Gillian Aghajan
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