

1 General

The Nationals are held annually over three days.

2 Eligibility

The Nationals are open only to those who hold, or are eligible to hold, a British passport, are members of BVF and also hold a BF compete licence.

3 Relevance:

The results from the British Veterans Nationals contribute to the rankings used to determine selection for representative events.

4 Medals

Gold, Silver and two Bronze Medals will be awarded at each of the six weapons.

There are no separate age categories, but at each weapon medals are awarded for the highest placed competitor aged 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70+.

Medals will be awarded to the Mens and Womens Master at Arms.

5 Format

There will be two rounds of pools followed by Direct Elimination.

There will be no separation on the basis of club.

5.1 Seeding

The results for the preceding Nationals will be used.

For fencers who did not take part, their place will be decided by their category ranking, which will be compared with others in that category. Other fencers will be placed at the discretion of the selectors/organisers.

5.2 Pools

In the pools all bouts are to five hits or three minutes of fencing time.

If the score is equal at time, the one minute priority rule will apply.

If numbers permit, pools will all be the same size.

5.3 Direct Elimination

Seeding for Direct Elimination is taken from the combined results of both pools.

There will be no elimination of fencers from the pools.

Fencers will be ranked on the results of all rounds of pools.

Bouts at Foil and Epée will be to 10 hits in two periods of 3 minutes with a 1 minute break after the first 3 minutes.

Bouts at Sabre will be to 10 hits with a 1 minute break when one fencer has scored 5 hits.

5.4 Passivity

Any award of a Passivity Black card will be based on the seeding after the rounds of pools.

5.5 Abandon

If a fencer withdraws partway through a pool, the results of any bouts completed by the outgoing fencer will be ignored and no Ranking Points will be awarded.

If a fencer withdraws during the Direct Elimination he/she will be deemed to have lost any incomplete bout, but will maintain their result in the competition.

6 Master at Arms.

The Master at Arms trophies will be awarded to the male and female who attains the fewer points overall in all three weapons.

Points are awarded equivalent to the fencer's final position in each competition. The Master at Arms is calculated by aggregating the total score and the lowest aggregate is deemed to be the winner.

In the event of an equality of points each fencer will be compared against each other on the basis of who has done the best in two out of the three weapons.

In the unlikely event that there is still equality due to both fencers coming higher in one weapon each but equal in the third due to identical seeding prior to DE the trophy may be shared.

7 Equipment

It is the responsibility of each fencer to ensure that personal equipment complies with British Fencing guidelines. <https://www.britishfencing.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-Safety-Guidelines-v20-March.pdf> Appendix 1 Table C.

8 Organisation

The organisers reserve the right to make any changes that they deem necessary to the smooth running of the competition.

[End of Document]