European Veterans Fencing Team Championships 2024 Ciney, Belgium 9th-12th May

Event website: <u>Championnat d'europe d'escrime vétérans par équipe Ciney 2024</u> (veteransfencingciney2024.be)

Venue address:

Ciney Expo Rue du Marché Couvert, 3, 5590 Ciney, Belgium



Photo - https://www.ciney.be/

GBR selection

The Selection of fencers to represent GBR uses a method whereby the results from three qualifying competitions are compiled into Ranking Lists.

The best two results are taken and totalled and then a Panel of Selectors make the selection according to the Selection Rules – link below.

The following events are the qualifying competitions for the Ciney Veteran European Team Championships:

- BVF Nationals (Manchester) 21-23 April 2023
- BVF 6 Weapon International (Guildford) 6-7 January 2024
- BVF Nationals (Manchester) 22-24 March 2024

Selection criteria

The selection rules for this event can be downloaded: BVF-ET-Selection-Criteria-2024.pdf (veterans-fencing.co.uk)

Ranking list: European Teams ranking list – BVF Nationals 2024 points to be added.

Selected fencers will receive an email and acceptance form, together with details of cost/payment when the selection process has been completed by the Selectors.

Ciney

Ciney is a charming town in the province of Namur, Belgium, surrounded by green hills and forests. It is a paradise for beer lovers, as it produces the famous Ciney blonde and brown ales, which can be enjoyed in cozy pubs and restaurants. Ciney is also a center of agriculture and livestock, hosting the largest cattle market in Europe every month. Visitors can learn more about the rural life and traditions at the Ciney Agronomy College and Museum. The town's main landmark is the 16th-century collegiate church of Saint Nicholas, which was rebuilt after being destroyed by a bomb in 1944. Ciney also has a rich heritage of medieval battles and sieges, which can be explored at the nearby castles of Spontin, Crupet, and Vêves.

<u>Microsoft Bing Travel - Ciney</u> <u>Ciney Tourist Office | VISITWallonia.be</u>



<u>Getting there</u>

There are several options:

By car – Eurotunnel or ferries

By train to Brussels – Eurostar, train to Ciney

London to Ciney (rome2rio.com)

By air – the nearest airports are Liege (LGG) – 45 Km, Charleroi (CRL) – 48 Km, Brussels 80 Km. <u>Nearby airports to Ciney (rome2rio.com)</u>

You will be responsible for arranging your own transport from airport and to and from the venue. There are no shuttle buses from airports nor from hotels to venue. Rome2Rio is a good website for information:

Rome2Rio: discover how to get anywhere

From Airports to Ciney

There are taxi deals available from Charleroi and Brussels.

Meeting points at the airports:

Charleroi: Arrivals hall in front of Starbucks

Brussels: Arrivals hall in front of the Java café.

website link: www.taxi-aeroports.be

When booking please mention "**escrime**" in the comments.

For special requests and off-site bookings, please contact: **gentle.car.service@gmail.com** Contact telephone 0032497111761 including WhatsApp.

You are responsible for your own travel costs.

Accommodation

There are no accommodation deals available in Ciney itself – official hotels are in other locations:

<u>Accommodation – Championnat d'europe d'escrime vétérans par équipe Ciney 2024</u> (veteransfencingciney2024.be)

There is no official hotel for the GBR team as there are no large hotels in Ciney and your choice will be dependent on cost and transportation.

There are other accommodation options available here: <u>cineyexpo.be - hotel</u> If you have already booked somewhere and would like to share your details with other members of the GBR squad, you can email – <u>g.aghajan@btinternet.com</u>

Schedule

Wednesday May 8 [™]	Saturday May 11 th
2 pm – 7 pm Accreditation and equipment	Accreditation and equipment control
control	Women's Epee Veteran
4 pm Referees meeting	Men's Foil Grand Veteran
4.30 pm Heads of delegations meeting	Men's Sabre Veteran
5 pm EVF Congress	Finals
Location: City Hall	Medal Ceremonies
Thursday May 9 th	Sunday May 12 th
Accreditation and equipment control	Equipment control
Men's Foil Veteran	Women's Foil Grand Veterans
Women's Epee Grand Veteran	Women's Sabre Veterans
Men's Sabre Grand Veteran	Men's Epee Grand Veterans
Opening ceremony	Finals
Finals	Closing ceremony
Medal ceremonies	Medal ceremonies
Friday May 10 th	
Accreditation and equipment control	(start times tbc)
Men's Epee Veteran	
Women's Foil Veteran	
Women's Sabre Grand Veteran	
Finals	
Medal ceremonies	

Equipment control

Venue: Ciney Expo

Timing: from 8 am to 7 pm on the day before the competition. In the event of problems on the day of the competition, a check may be possible from 7.15 am.

For the first day of competition, equipment will be checked on Wednesday 08 May from 2 pm. Fencers participating in several weapons may have all their equipment checked the day before their first day of competition.

Bags and equipment may be collected after the check until 7.30 pm on the day before the competition or from 7.15 am on the day of the competition.

What:

All equipment must comply with FIE standards (November 2023 version).

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Surname and nationality on the back of foil and sabre lamés and epee jackets is compulsory. The socket inside the epee guard must have two separate holes in the block, so that the two wires can be passed through the block separately and then connected to the terminals (FIE Material Rules m.18.3).

The bodywire has a connecting plug which must be made of a transparent material at each end (Material Rules FIE m.29.1.b).

What to bring:

Each fencer brings one bag containing ONLY the equipment to be checked and two copies of the Material Control document (see page 5).

Each bag is given a number.

An inventory is taken by a member of the control team. ONE copy of the control document is signed and given to the fencer; the other copy is kept by the organisation.

A screen will display the numbers of the bags for which the check has been completed. The fencer can then collect their equipment.

The fencer should check that there are the correct number of articles, they are in the same condition as submitted and bear the relevant stamps, and then sign the organisation's copy.

EQUIPMENT	EPEE	FOIL	SABRE
Weapon	2 to 4	2 to 4	2 to 4
Mask	1 or 2	1 or 2	1 or 2
Jacket	1 or 2	1 or 2	1 or 2
Breeches	1 or 2	1 or 2	1 or 2
Under-plastron	1 or 2	1 or 2	1 or 2
Conductive jacket (lamé)		1 or 2	1 or 2
Chest protection	1 or 2	1 or 2	1 or 2
Glove	1 or 2	1 or 2	1 or 2
Bodywire	2 to 4	2 to 4	2 to 4
Mask wire		2 to 4	2 to 4
Mask bib		2 to 4	

MATERIAL CONTROL / CONTROLE DU MATERIEL

	NAME, FIRST NAME / NOM, PRENOM		
	WEAPON / ARME*	EPEE	FOIL SABEL
	GENDER / SEXE*	MAN	WOMAN
NUMBER / NUMERO	CATEGORY / CATEGORIE*	VETERAN GRAND VETERA	
	COUNTRY / PAYS		

* CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE / ENTOURER VOTRE CHOIX

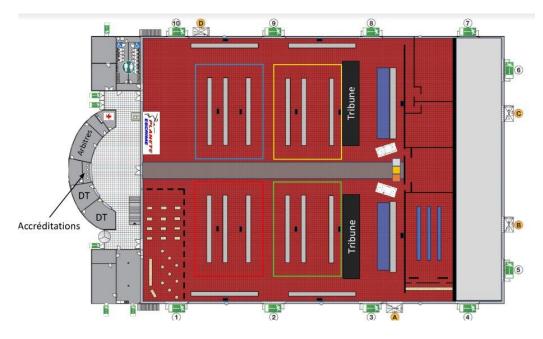
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WEAPON / ARME*	EFS			
MASK / MAS	QUE			
JACKET / VE	STE			
PANTS / PANT	ALON			
UNDERPLASTRON / S	SOUS-VESTE			
ELECTRIC JAC VESTE ELECTR	-			
BREAST PROTEC PROTECTION PC				
GLOVE / GA	NT			
BODY WIRE / FIL D	DE CORPS			
MASK WIRE / FIL DE MASQUE				
MASK BIB / BAVETTE DE MASQUE				

	SIGNATURE CONTROL TEAM
CHECK IN	

	DATE, TIME	SIGNATURE FENCER
CHECK OUT		

Other information

Venue plan



Food and drinks

There is a restaurant on site with local cuisine; payment by bank card/phone. There will not be a gala dinner. There will be a special beer available.



Merchandise

The online shop is open:

https://veteransfencingciney2024.be/shop/

Please note that there will not be a large stock of all items available at the event, so you may wish to place on order.

Facebook

There is an event Facebook page: VeteransCiney 2024 – Fencing Team Facebook

More information will be available in due course.

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